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CIA chief is accused of being a spy

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE former head of the CIA's Soviet counter-intelligence group was yesterday accused of having been a "mole" for the Soviet Union and Russia for nearly a decade.

Aldrich Hazen Ames, who had worked for the CIA for 31 years, and his wife Maria del Rosaria Casas Ames, were arraigned yesterday and remanded in custody accused of espionage and of receiving more than $1.5 million (£1 million).

Officials described the case as huge because of the extent of the material passed to Moscow, and one expert put it on a par with the ring of "moles" in British intelligence in the Fifties led by Kim Philby, Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean.

President Clinton, who described the case as very serious, has ordered the National Security Council and the CIA to determine the damage to American national security. He refused to go into further details, but he did say that America would be lodging a protest with the Russian Government. Asked what the case meant for the state of US-Russian relations, he replied: "I don't want to comment. We'll be dealing with that over the next few days."

Later, the White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers said: "We're having very serious, forthright discussions with the Russians. She said Mr Clinton and President Yeltsin have a very good relationship, but added: "That's not to say that we don't take this seriously. We don't like this."

The Justice Department accused 52-year-old Mr Ames of spying for the Soviet Union and later Russia from 1985 until the time of his arrest. He was alleged in court papers to have met KGB agents in Washington and foreign cities and agreed to give them information about CIA operations and personnel. He and his Colombian-born wife were also accused of placing government secrets in "dead drops" in the Washington area for pickup by the KGB and, after the demise of the Soviet Union, the intelligence service of the Russian Federation.

As head of the Soviet branch of counter-intelligence for the CIA from 1983 to 1985, Mr Ames would have been privy to the most secret information in the agency. As head of counter-intelligence, Mr Ames's job was to make sure that no Soviet spies penetrated the United States — but if he was a mole, the KGB would have been able to circumvent or at least anticipate all US counter-intelligence.

Before heading the counter-intelligence group, Mr Ames had been a CIA operations agent responsible for recruiting Soviet officials and KGB officers to spy on the Soviet Union. If, as alleged, he was playing a double game, the KGB officers' treachery was presumably "blown" to their superiors almost immediately.

The arrests on Tuesday came after an investigation that had lasted for more than two years after a tip from a KGB defector, although a federal law officer in Washington said the CIA had suspected there was a "mole" in the agency since 1985.

According to affidavits filed in court, agents found top-secret documents unrelated to his work in Mr Ames's office at the CIA, and the couple's home was put under electronic and human surveillance. The was secretly searched right down to the dustbin last autumn when the FBI uncovered a typewriter or computer printer ribbon in the rubbish, from which the agents allegedly extracted damaging information, and a note Mr Ames had written to set up a meeting with his Russian contact in Caracas.

The affidavits claim that the couple were spending far more than his salary of $69,000 (£47,000) and that they deposited cash into Swiss bank accounts. They were said to have bought a Jaguar car, spent $165,000 on stocks and spent an average of $50,000 a year on their credit cards.

Mr Ames was arrested on Monday as he drove to the CIA headquarters in Langley, northern Virginia, just across the Potomac river from Washington. His wife, a naturalised American, was arrested at their home nearby.

Since 1969, Mr Ames had served at CIA posts in Ankara and Mexico City — where he met his wife in 1985 — as well as several stints at the agency's headquarters. His last assignment was to the counter-narcotics centre in the CIA's intelligence directorate.

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MI6 agents saved life of ambassador

The life of an ambassador of a key British ally during the Gulf War was saved because of the vigilance of British spies. Douglas Hurd said that agents from MI6 had tracked down a terrorist in a Third World country and when he returned to Europe, law enforcement agencies had stopped him carrying out his assassination.....Page 10

ADRIAN BROOKS



Prue Leith examining the pot and wooden spoons which yesterday fetched £400

The £400 pot of wooden spoons

BY JOE JOSEPH

A POT containing wooden spoons owned by Elizabeth David fetched £400 yesterday in an auction of items from the late cookery writer's kitchen at which lots were treated by most buyers as the equivalent of holy relics.

Nearly 700 foodies crowded Phillips saleroom in West London for a chance to buy a slice of David's life. The bargain of the day went to Prue Leith, the cook, who paid £1,100 for David's kitchen table. "I'm going to cook on it just as she did, and think of her," Miss Leith said. "She was the most important cookery writer this century. That's why I wanted her table. I can't believe I got it." Miss Leith yelled and bowed to applause as the hammer fell. "I thought it would go for thousands."

The lot of spoons were bought by Michael Erbena. He said what he really had his eyes on was not the spoons but the earthenware pot in which they stood.

The 176 lots fetched £49,000 including buyer's premium. That was three times what Phillips had hoped for, and a testament to David's pioneering role in transforming British attitudes to food, bringing risotto where there was only rice pudding, salami where there was only spam.

But the prices proved too dizzy for many bidders, who had to leave with nothing more than the memory of having stroked and sniffed the mixing bowls and cheese graters that their heroine had once touched. Miss Leith hailed the items — even plastic storage jars — as "holy relics, if you like."

Jill Norman, David's literary executor, settled for a few earthenware jugs, and the pride of seeing the passions

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British soldiers in Bosnia lose jobs as Army sacks 7,000

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

SEVEN thousand soldiers, including some serving in Bosnia, will learn today that they are to lose their jobs in the biggest round of army redundancies since cuts in service manpower began three years ago. More than a thousand will be forced to take redundancy.

The size of the programme and the timing of the announcement a week after the Government rejected a request to contribute another battalion to Bosnia, is bound to embarrass ministers.

About 6,000 are going voluntarily, but the Defence Ministry has had to lose far more staff compulsorily than in the previous two phases because many volunteers' jobs were not being scrapped.

Letters outlining those selected for redundancy have been sent to the officers and men on the list. Soldiers with the Coldstream Guards and the Light Dragoons serving in Bosnia will be given the news by their commanding officers. Meetings were held in Split in Croatia, the main rear headquarters for British forces in Bosnia, and other overseas postings yesterday to prepare for the announcement.

The inclusion of soldiers operating with United Nations forces in Bosnia will only add to the Government's dilemma in attempting to counter the inevitable criticism that will follow today's announcement. In previous phases where soldiers in Bosnia received notices to quit, ministers insisted that it was unfair to exclude those serving as peacekeepers; all soldiers, whether on operational duty or at home, are liable to the same redundancy process.

This last phase of job cuts has proved to be the most difficult as Army chiefs have sought to ensure that in choosing officers and men for redundancy, they secure a stable "pyramid" of authority and the right balance between frontline and support services to meet requirements for the 1990s and beyond.

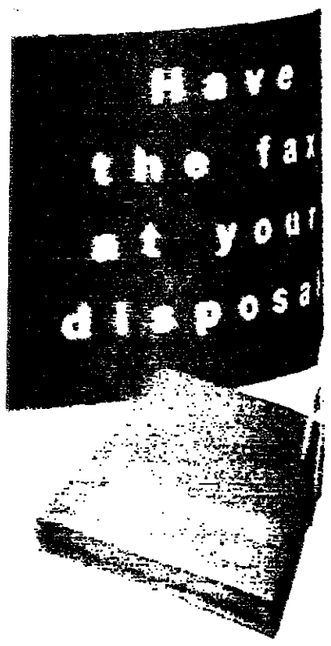
In the first phase, 2,500 men and 838 officers lost their jobs, including 143 officers who were made compulsorily redundant. The second phase claimed 5,152 soldiers and 1,308 officers, of whom 628 were forced to go.

Any hope that the target for the third phase could be reached without too many compulsory notices was dashed when it became clear that officers in potentially the most vulnerable jobs were showing increasing reluctance to leave because of the uncertainty of finding civilian work. So far, however, the experience of switching to the civilian world has been encouraging, with 80 per cent finding work within three months.

Under the Government's Options for Change programme, announced in 1990, all three armed services are being reduced by 20 per cent. The Army was to have been cut from 156,000 to 116,000, but that was increased to 119,000 and two regiments were saved because of growing demands in Bosnia and Northern Ireland.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, is now trying to save more than £1.5 billion over the next three years, and there are fears of further cuts in support services as a cost study concentrates on privatising services now provided by uniformed staff.

Today's job cuts are bound to provoke an angry response from both sides of the Commons — the Commons defence select committee has issued a number of warnings in the past year over the way the Army is being stretched.



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Admiral to be US envoy in London

BY PETER RIDDELL AND MARTIN FLETCHER

PRESIDENT Clinton will shortly end more than six months of uncertainty over who is to be America's next Ambassador to Britain by confirming the appointment of Admiral William Crowe, who was Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under President Reagan.

An announcement is imminent and may coincide with John Major's visit to Washington next week. Officials in London said that formal agrément procedures for clearing his appointment with the Government were in the process of being completed.

Admiral Crowe is expected to take over in May from Raymond Seitz, the highly respected current Ambassador since 1991, in time for Mr Clinton's visit to Britain in early June for the fiftieth anniversary of D-Day.

British officials want positive news for Mr Major's visit after the earlier strains over Bosnia and the granting of a visa to Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader. Suggestions that Mr Clinton may apologise for the visa are, however, regarded as absurd. The President will repeat his backing for the Anglo-Irish declaration.

Mr Clinton offered Admiral Crowe the London post last summer and was expected to announce his nomination before Christmas. This was delayed by a disagreement between Admiral Crowe and State Department lawyers that has only just been resolved by the White House.

The dispute centred on whether Admiral Crowe should have to divest himself of a perk of one of his directorships, believed to be a life-insurance policy from Texaco. The lawyers insisted he had to avoid any possible conflict of interest during Senate confirmation hearings, but Admiral Crowe, who is 69 and not a wealthy man, objected.

The US secret service has conducted background checks and the Admiral is about to undergo a two-week Ambassador's training course.

The Ambassador-elect was chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under Mr Reagan for four eventful years which included the bombing of Libya. He is currently chairman of Mr Clinton's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board after providing politically valuable support to him during the 1992 campaign. Britain will welcome his access to the President at a time when Anglo-American relations have been under pressure.

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Path clear for women priests

The path was finally cleared for more than 1,000 women to be ordained priests when the General Synod of the Church of England yesterday rubber-stamped the necessary change of law.

But the bitterness of traditionalists which has characterised nearly all recent synods continued to the end.....Page 14

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Torvill and Dean's last lift cost silver

BY MICHAEL COLEMAN IN HAMAR AND EMMA WILKINS

THE spectacular somersault at the end of Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean's free dance routine at the Olympic Games, which won them a standing ovation from the audience, could have cost them the silver medal, it emerged yesterday.

The final movement in which Dean lifted his partner over his head, allowing her to somersault on to the ice, was technically an acrobatic move and not allowed under rules introduced after the 1992 Games, the Austrian referee said. Hans Kutschera, who oversees the judging panel but does not vote, said the breach of rules meant the British pair were penalised by 0.2 points from each of the nine judges' marks for technical merit.

The deductions meant the difference between silver and bronze, but could not have won them Olympic gold, experts calculated last night.

Yesterday Torvill and Dean echoed the feelings of 23 million disappointed British television viewers. "It was one of our best performances of all time," said Torvill. Dean agreed: "We felt that it was as good as we could get it. It was a big improvement on the European championships."

Dean, who announced his engagement yesterday to Gill Trenary, the American skating champion, denied the move was illegal. "I didn't raise my arms above the shoulder line but Jayne went over me by the impetus of her own spring," he said.

Norbert Schramm, of Germany, twice champion of Europe, said: "There is no way a skater with his [Dean's] experience would experiment with a move that broke the rules, especially so visually at the end of the programme. The jump was not against the rules. Jayne's momentum took her over not his lift."

All but two of the judges rated Torvill and Dean's free dance third best behind gold medallists Oksana Gritschuk and Evgeny Platov and runners-up Maya Usova and Aleksandr Zhulin. Dean reflected: "It's individuals' choices. We thought Irving Berlin was a pretty safe choice. We thought what we were doing yesterday was within the rules and entertaining."

The judges were meeting yesterday to analyse the voting procedure but there was "no question" of the final result being changed, Herr Kutschera said.

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Enquiries into cancer test errors held in secret

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

TWO consultant pathologists at separate hospitals have been suspended and secret internal enquiries held after errors were made in diagnosing cases of suspected cancer.

At Worthing hospital in West Sussex, 800 cases diagnosed by Dr David Cooper, a consultant pathologist, have been re-examined by two independent experts after colleagues found 15 errors made over 18 months. In one case a woman underwent unnecessary surgery on her face as a result of the error. Dr Cooper has been suspended since September and is understood to be suffering from mental problems.

At Ealing hospital in west London, independent experts were called in to review the work of Dr Irving Lampert, consultant pathologist, after doubts were raised in four cases. Dr Lampert has been suspended since December.

Their suspensions will raise new concerns about the standard of cancer diagnosis. Last July, errors by a consultant pathologist in Birmingham led to 2,000 cancer cases being re-examined and caused widespread alarm. Some patients at the Royal Orthopaedic hospital in the city underwent surgery and chemotherapy they did not need and the health authority has established a £20 million fund to meet compensation claims.

At Worthing, Alan Randall, chief executive of the hospital, said that in all but one of the cases in which diagnostic errors were made by Dr Cooper, the mistake was detected and proper treatment given. In the remaining case a woman with a history of skin cancer had a wart on her eyebrow removed and tested. The result wrongly suggested it was malignant and she had a second unnecessary operation.

In a statement issued yesterday in response to enquiries by *The Times*, South West Thames region and Worthing district health authority said there was "no reason to suspect untoward risk to patients' health".

Mr Randall defended the authority's decision not to make the enquiry public, saying: "The review of 800 cases by an outside pathologist reassured us there was no cause for general alarm."

Ealing hospital NHS Trust said in a statement that all four cases in which "queries" were raised had been double-checked and no patients had received inappropriate treatment.

Dr Lampert, who has refused to give evidence to the enquiry, is understood to suffer from depression and anxiety attacks. A consultant colleague said: "He has made mistakes and clinicians have noticed. When he is in an anxiety state he can't come to a diagnosis and he writes down silly things."

Professor Alastair Bellingham, president of the Royal College of Pathologists, confirmed that the college was assisting in investigations. "There are worries about some consultant pathologists. Illness in all doctors should be detected early but there is particular concern about pathologists working in isolated centres because errors may not be picked up."

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Mr Rifkind, right, being questioned by Lord Justice Scott, left, and Presiley Baxendale QC, counsel to the enquiry

Scott censures 'cavalier' concealment

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

MALCOLM Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, was criticised by Lord Justice Scott yesterday for the cavalier way the Government used its sweeping powers of concealment in the Matrix Churchill trial.

A public interest immunity certificate, or gagging order, signed by Mr Rifkind attempted to prevent a wide range of government documents from being disclosed to the defence because they would "have been injurious to the public interest".

Many of the documents covered by Mr Rifkind's gagging order would have had only a "trivial" impact on the public interest and should have been handed over to the defence in the interests of justice, the judge said.

Mr Rifkind told Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair that civil servants' advice to ministers, inter-departmental correspondence and background papers fell into a class of documents which were prima facie entitled to a claim of confidentiality.

Disclosure of any papers which fell into that class of documents was assumed in principle to be against the public interest. Ministers were not required to assess whether their disclosure would in practice be against the public interest, Mr Rifkind told the enquiry.

He strenuously rejected "wild allegations" by the media that the ministers who signed the certificates had taken part in a conspiracy to send innocent men to jail. Mr Rifkind said that he was merely following a practice which had been in operation for 30 to 40 years.

Lord Justice Scott told Mr Rifkind that while he understood that the Government had a legitimate need for confidentiality, he could not understand why it had to be so sweeping. "If you look at the documents covered by your certificate it is difficult to see how the public interest would have been damaged by disclosure."

If important and unimportant documents were lumped together "it deprives the certificates of any weight".

Mr Rifkind remained adamant that all government documents were entitled to the protection of confidentiality. Any disclosure would damage the public interest, although he conceded: "It might not be very great damage".

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

A wee cow'ring tim'rous Beastie

Is beast-baiting a cruel sport? The question which divides anti-hunt campaigners gained a new urgency yesterday as the most famous beast of all, the Beast of Bolsover, was finally taunted beyond endurance. Dennis Skinner came out to fight.

Heaven knows the weekend past had been pretty bloody for him. Much of *The News of the World* had been devoted to a breathless account of his friendship with a lady who was not a miner's daughter and lived not in Clay Cross, but in Chelsea. The paper suggested that, disguised in a muffler, he had avoided recognition by lurking in bushes.

Your sketchwriter knows the lady in question: a gentle, modest person, by no means the wealthy Sloane Ranger the press has implied. But some stories are too good to check, and Skinner's own delight in throwing mud at his Tory opponents has made his comeuppance all the more delicious for Government backbenchers.

Besides, has he not invited it by posing as an apostle of proletarian puritanism? Tories returned to the Commons this week aching to goad him into a playground fight.

Wisely, Dennis wasn't playing. Speaking not a word on Monday, he sat, arms folded, in his usual place. This was a wee, sleekit, cow'rin tim'rous beastie.

A silent Skinner is almost uncanny. How long could it last? As with a startling that refuses to squabble or an alligator unwilling to snap, one feels tempted to poke at the creature with a stick, to see whether it is still alive.

The Tories' David Evans (Welwyn Hatfield) wielded the stick. Evans is in intensive training to be the beast of Welwyn, having passed his intermediate exams with distinction. An apprentice beast instinctively recognises the mark of another beast, and seeks sport with it. Evans chose a question about Lambeth Health Authority. He suggested the authority might be able to help "some of that lot over there who have taken to being in the bushes of Belgravia during the night".

Miss Boothroyd was having none of this. The question was about Lambeth Community Care Centre, she snapped: "I do not think they have bushes outside their building."

The beast of Welwyn persisted. Couldn't the care centre help with "hats and mufflers to keep them warm when they are hiding in these bushes?"

This was too much. Bolsover sprang from his lair. "Chelsea!" cheered the Tories, and: "Where's your muffler?" A furious Ronnie Campbell (Lab, Blyth Valley) — the beast of Blyth — shouted: "At least it wasn't a plastic bag." Straight below the belt. Such is the level of debate on your average Tuesday.

On a rising wave of cheers — from Labour genuine, from the Tories mocking — a puce-faced Skinner stabbed his finger at the Tories. Let the Cabinet submit their own private lives to examination at the dispatch box, he roared, then he'd willingly submit his own. Let them call an election if they dared! Let the people judge! "Then I'll be sat over there and some of them will be wanting a fresh job!"

Hm. Fighting talk, but not quite the beast's former song. The old refrain was: "I'm better than you." The new one is: "You're no better than me." Behind a furious smokescreen, a significant retreat.

"This kid's not going to run away!" rumbled Skinner, as the storm abated. Indeed not. This kid's got pluck. But for some time to come, I suspect, this kid's not going to be giving chase, either.

Howard will enforce new gay consent age

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND ANDREW PIERCE

MICHAEL Howard said yesterday that the new law forbidding homosexual activity under the age of 18 will be enforced.

"The law must be enforced in this matter, as it is on all other matters," he said on BBC Radio 4's *World at One*. There have been suggestions that the Crown Prosecution Service might be reluctant to pursue cases where homosexual activity involved people of 16 or 17.

There were questions in the Commons about why the gay "vigil" during the debate was allowed. Police are required by Commons orders to ensure free passage of MPs and prevent disorders near Parliament. Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, said the requirement had not been met at all times on Monday.

John Major said he regretted the disturbances. Peter Bottomley, the former Tory minister, said: "The 16 vote could have gone through but I think people have been put off by this display outside the House."

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Two held after anti-terror swoop

BY STEWART TENDLER AND KATE ALDERSON

TWO Irishmen were being questioned by anti-terrorist detectives last night following an undercover operation hailed by Scotland Yard and MI5 as a significant coup against IRA mainland operations.

One man thought to be a key player in terrorist activities was arrested in Accrington, Lancashire. Police also seized a car containing more than 10lbs of Semtex, bomb-making material, a handgun and ammunition. The man, in his mid-30s, was from Northern Ireland.

A second man, in his 50s, was held at Kilburn, north London, following a raid a few hours later.

Police believe the bomb cache was being moved from its hiding spot.

Searches were made at addresses in London and other cities last night as part of the nationwide operation. Both men were being held at Paddington Green police station while forensic scientists continued investigations.

MI5 and Scotland Yard's Special Branch intelligence and surveillance teams have been watching suspects amid fears that if the Downing Street declaration fails to bring peace, the IRA could begin large-scale attacks. Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA, will this weekend debate the declaration in public.

The Yard fears that the IRA has used the lull in its operations since Christmas to regroup. If the peace process falters, it believes the IRA might mark the occasion with large blasts.

No large-scale attacks have occurred since before Christmas apart from the use of incendiary devices in London on two occasions, the second at the weekend.

Police would give few details of the arrests, but witnesses said the Accrington swoop was carried out by armed police. A man was held in a public car park and a car was taken away for examination. A witness said: "An unmarked car pulled up and police in plain clothes started pulling flak jackets on and taking semi-automatic weapons out. There were armed police everywhere. I saw they had a man pinned on the floor. He was on the ground for about an hour while they searched everywhere."

The area and surrounding streets were also sealed off for several hours.

A terraced house in Bold Street, Accrington, was still under police guard yesterday. Police confirmed it was connected with the arrest of the man under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Council tenants to escape VAT on heat

Thousands of council tenants will not have to pay value-added tax on their heating bills when the new law comes into force on April 1. A spokesman for Customs and Excise said yesterday that tenants whose rent includes payment for heating from a central supply in blocks of flats will not be charged the 8 per cent VAT.

The problem for the Government is that local authorities and councils do not pay VAT and so there is no way of levying the tax unless tenants pay separate heating bills or use a metering system.

Rugby player punished

A Royal Navy physical training instructor has been ordered by a court martial at Portsmouth to pay £1,500 to the rugby player whose nose he broke during a match. Ian Russell, 36, stationed at HMS *Raleigh* in Plymouth, was given four months' detention and reduced in rank to able seaman. Both sentences were suspended for a year.

Kidnap death arrests

Detectives investigating the murder of Grant Price, the accountant kidnapped in his own car, questioned two Portsmouth men yesterday. The men, both in their mid-20s, were arrested in the city late on Monday. Mr Price, 43, disappeared from a car park at Gosport, Hampshire. His body was found later on a beach.

Tory PR man resigns

James Pryor, 29, the Tories' third head of presentation in four years, is resigning after Central Office officials tried to ban him from going to South Africa to work for President FW de Klerk on the National Party's general election campaign. Mr Pryor, who spent more than 20 years in South Africa, declined to comment yesterday on his plans.

Hepatitis blood tests

More than 100,000 women in the Irish Republic have been urged to undergo medical tests amid fears that they may have been treated with a contaminated blood product during pregnancy. The Blood Transfusion Service issued a warning to women treated between 1970 and 1991, saying that a 1977 batch of the substance might cause Hepatitis C.

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CIA chief faces spying charges

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Mrs Ames has been studying part-time for a PHD at Georgetown University in Washington. She had acted as a paid CIA source in Mexico City, where she worked as a cultural attaché for a foreign government.

The case had Washington in an uproar yesterday. CIA press officers were unavailable for comment, despite having been increasingly friendly in recent months under a policy of openness at the agency encouraged by Mr Clinton's CIA director, James Woolsey, who, like the president, went to Oxford as a Rhodes scholar.

In a written statement, Mr Woolsey said the case demonstrated how CIA counter-intelligence officers had co-operated with the FBI over a long period. Janet Reno, attorney general, said the FBI was to be commended for "its tenacious efforts and the CIA for its complete support no matter where the difficult trail led". There has been past friction between the two agencies over charges that the CIA had refused to co-operate with criminal investigations.

The case means the CIA and every Western intelligence agency must go back over events at least since 1985 when Mr Gorbachev came to power and beyond that to the Yeltsin era after the demise of communism in 1991.

Mr Ames is the first CIA officer to be arrested as a KGB mole while still serving in the American intelligence agency and his arrest is the most serious blow to the reputation of the CIA since the defection to Moscow of Edward Lee Howard, a CIA case officer who sold the secrets of the agency's operations in Moscow to the KGB. He defected in 1985 after escaping from the FBI.

Last night, David Wise, an American intelligence expert who wrote a book called *Molehunt* about KGB penetration of the CIA, said the latest case was one of the most serious for the agency. The 1.5 million dollars paid for his services reflected his value in the eyes of the Russians. "In his position, he would have been able to expose everything the CIA was up to in Moscow," he said.



Clinton: ordered security investigation

Mr Wise said Ames was the ninth CIA officer to have been charged with betraying the agency since it was formed.

For years there have been accusations from various intelligence experts of a high-ranking "mole" within the CIA. The most famous accuser was James Angleton, former head of counter-intelligence whose witch-hunts within the CIA destroyed the careers of several innocent officers. But Mr Angleton had long gone by 1985.

£400 spoons

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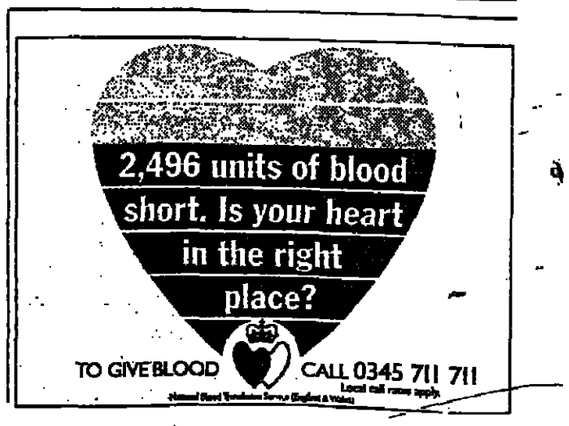
which the writer still arouses. When the wooden spoons were knocked down for £400, the flabbergasted auctioneer, Richard Madely, urged everyone to "bring your wooden spoons to Phillips to be sold." He said: "We knew the sale would be popular, but not as popular as this." The less charitably minded left wondering how many hundreds of 'Elizabeth David wooden spoons' might soon start turning up in kitchens and antique shops. Many lots would not have looked out of place at a car boot sale. A humdrum selection of wine glasses looked less Georgian, more the King George's Arms.

But there was enough blue chip Davidiana to keep the crowd swooning. Omlette pans, madeleine baking moulds, chopping boards bearing the tracery of David's knife marks, whisks and lemon-squeezers, all fetched prices to make Habitat and Woolworths faint. A handful of books — including a hand-written collection of gravy-spattered recipes, though not written by her — went for £800. The price of a sheaf of original artwork and designs for Elizabeth David books soared to £1,350. A 19th century pine dresser achieved the sale's top price of £1,850.

One-sixth of the sale by value was bought by Mike McKirdy, a dealer in antiquarian cookery books, who paid £8,500 (including premium) for 28 lots of books.

Miss Leith also had her eyes on the well-used wooden spoons, but settled for a box of her heroine's kitchen knives.

Francis Wheen, a writer from Islington, north London, shelled out £220 for three cheese graters, a nutmeg grater (including a nutmeg) and a paper back, said: "I just wanted to buy something. I went a bit mad on the price."



Ski teacher left boy of 11 alone on mountain

BY A STAFF REPORTER

AN 11-year-old British boy went missing in the Swiss Alps for nearly five hours after being left on a mountain by a qualified ski instructor.

His mother said that Alexander Hatton-Edge was within half an hour of death, according to the helicopter rescue team that found him. He survived because he kept warm by walking as night fell and temperatures dropped to -15C.

The incident at Zermatt, Switzerland, during last week's half-term holiday, has led to calls for tighter regulation of ski schools, although Swiss tourist authorities insist that existing safety controls are adequate. Alexander and



Alexander: broke into hut to keep warm

14 other pupils were skiing with an instructor from the Zermatt Ski School when he fell, losing a ski. The instructor took the rest of the class down the slope before returning to look for Alexander. When he could not find the boy, he presumed that he had managed to ski down on his own.

Elizabeth Chappell, the boy's mother, said: "I reported that my son was missing to the ski school at 4.20 but they told me not to fuss. They said he would probably be back at the hotel by the time I returned. That wasted an hour before they even began looking. The instructor knew that my son had fallen and lost a ski. He left him and assumed he would make his own way down." The rescue services were later alerted and a search by 80 rescuers, supported by helicopters, eventually found the boy at a height of about 10,000 ft at about 9pm. He had broken into a hut to keep warm but had then attempted to find his way down the mountain.

Mrs Chappell said: "I put him in the ski school to be safe. It is fortunate he is a gutsy child. He kept walking and it is that that kept him alive. The rescuers told me that in another half an hour at that temperature he could have been dead. I just want to ensure that it never happens again.

"Ski schools should be more strictly licensed to prevent this sort of thing happening. They cannot leave pupils to ski down a mountain on their own."

Robert Kinnaird, chief executive of the British Association of Ski Instructors, said: "Something clearly went very wrong." The ski school has since written to the boy's parents to apologise for the "very regrettable accident".

However, Amade Perrig, the director of the Zermatt Tourist Office, said: "We believe the instructor acted correctly. After taking the rest of his class to safety he returned to look for the boy.

"He is not guilty and did what he should. The boy did not want to ski with the group and kept going off on his own."

Mr Perrig added: "Nobody can guarantee that this sort of thing can never happen again. But we have strict laws and Swiss ski schools have very tough safety standards".

The incident is a blow for the Zermatt Ski School which has worked hard in recent years to counter long-standing criticism of its alleged "follow me" style of instruction.



MIKE POWELL

Wrong: the "illegal" sequence where Jayne Torvill is somersaulted over Christopher Dean's shoulder during the free dance competition. His hands go above the allowed height

Illegal move ended Torvill and Dean's hopes of gold

BY MICHAEL COLEMAN AND EMMA WILKINS

THE somersault at the end of Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean's free dance routine was judged to be in breach of Olympic rules by the international referee and several of the nine judges who watched as the British pair made their attempt on Monday to repeat their success of ten years ago.

Under the rules for free dance, it is forbidden for the man to raise his hands higher than the shoulder line. Lifts are permitted only to enhance the performance and to emphasise certain passages of music.

They are not to display feats of strength or acrobatics. Sitting or lying on the partner's shoulders or back is considered a test of prowess and not allowed. Under the rules, judges must deduct 0.1 for each violation. The controversy follows the suspension of judges at last season's world championships in Prague.

Six of the nine judges were disqualified from officiating this season because they awarded the Russians Oksana Gritschuk and Evgeny Platov second place. The couple, the Olympic gold medallists, ought not to have been on the podium, it was ruled.

The six judges were reinstated on a technicality. It came as a surprise therefore to find three of the six, Marie Lundmark of Finland, Eric Couste of France, and Lyudmila Mikhailovskaya of Ukraine, judging at Lillehammer, and under the same referee, Hans Kutschera. Lundmark and Couste placed Torvill and Dean third and Mikhailovskaya put them second. Couste was one of the five judges who awarded Gritschuk and Platov victory.

Ingrid Reetz, the German judge who gave Torvill and Dean the lowest marks (5.6 for technical merit) was unrepentant. "I was a skater myself and I have been an international judge for 20 years. I can not comment on any technical faults made by Torvill and Dean because that is something to discuss only with the referee. It was a marvellously close competition and overall, you could say that perhaps all three pairs deserved to be standing together on the top of the podium." Jean Senft, of Canada, one of seven judges who rated the couple third in the free dance, said she had deducted marks for two "illegalities". But Mary Parry, the British panellist, who was alone in placing Torvill and Dean first, indicated that she saw nothing irregular to justify docking marks.

The official response of the referee was that only one move — where Dean flipped Torvill over his head near the end of the four-minute programme — infringed the rules. Ms Senft revealed that she had additionally penalised the British pair for the move "where Chris takes Jayne and takes her one-and-a-half revolutions in the air: they are allowed no more than one revolution".



Right: Oksana Gritschuk and Evgeny Platov

Jury hears wife killed on 999 tape

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A HUSHED court yesterday listened to the dying moments of a young woman, shot as she tried to telephone for help after her husband was murdered at their home. The jury at Hove Crown Court heard a British Telecom tape recording of Nicola Fuller, 27, making a 999 call to the operator.

It is alleged that the couple were shot by Harry Fuller's insurance broker, Stephen Young, 34, to cover up a robbery at their home in Wadhurst, East Sussex.

Mr Young, of Pembury, Kent, denies murdering Mr and Mrs Fuller last February. Michael Lawson QC, for the prosecution, told the court that Mr Fuller, 45, was shot first by Mr Young. Mrs Fuller, who was upstairs at the time of the attack, was then shot three times, one of the bullets passing through her mouth and splintering her jaw.

"It is hardly surprising, given that series of shots, the killer felt safe enough to go downstairs," said Mr Lawson. But, he said, Mrs Fuller staggered across the landing and into her bedroom to the telephone. Her call was answered almost immediately but her reply was barely intelligible.

The killer obviously heard her and returned, said Mr Lawson. He said that a most pitiful squeal could be heard on the tape and Mrs Fuller was shot in the head through a duvet. Her body, clad in a dressing gown, was found by police who followed a trail of



Nicola Fuller: killed calling for help

blood from the landing into the bedroom. Her arms were up in a protective gesture.

The jury heard the operator asking what service was required, followed by a sound from Mrs Fuller. The operator said "pardon" and again she made a sound.

The line remained open and there was the sound of the other handset being lifted in the house — "perhaps a measure of the coolness of that killer". Doors were heard opening and closing before the operator disconnected the call.

The Fullers were shot with a handgun with bullets which had been deliberately dented or filed so they would mushroom slightly on impact, said Mr Lawson.

He said Mr Fuller had a variety of business interests and dealt in second-hand cars. He was prone to exaggeration and carried large sums of money. His wife, whom he had married the previous August, was "a quieter, gentler soul".

The trial continues.

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Palace to welcome guests' sons

BY ALAN HAMILTON

GUESTS at the Queen's garden parties this summer may, for the first time, be accompanied by their sons.

The sons must be between 18 and 25, and unmarried. Until now, only unmarried daughters of the same age bracket have been permitted to accompany their parents on to the lawns of Buckingham Palace or Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh.

Permitting sons is the extension of a policy adopted by the Queen last year when, in response to shoals of letters from her older and often widowed subjects, she agreed that single people invited to a garden party could, for the first time, be accompanied by a partner of their choice.

The concession did not specify that the companion had to be of a different sex so guests of any sexual persuasion are now technically free to bring their partners, a state of affairs that would have been viewed with horror in the 1950s, when the daughters-only rule was first introduced as compensation for the Queen's decision to abolish the practice of debutantes being presented at court.

Parents 'tortured drug dealer'

TWO fathers and one of their wives tortured a man for two days because they believed he had been selling heroin to their children, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Danny Deller, 18, was handcuffed and bound with wire to the grid by the trio, none of whom can be named for risk of prejudicing future trials. He was beaten with an iron bar and had an earlobe cut off with bolt cutters.

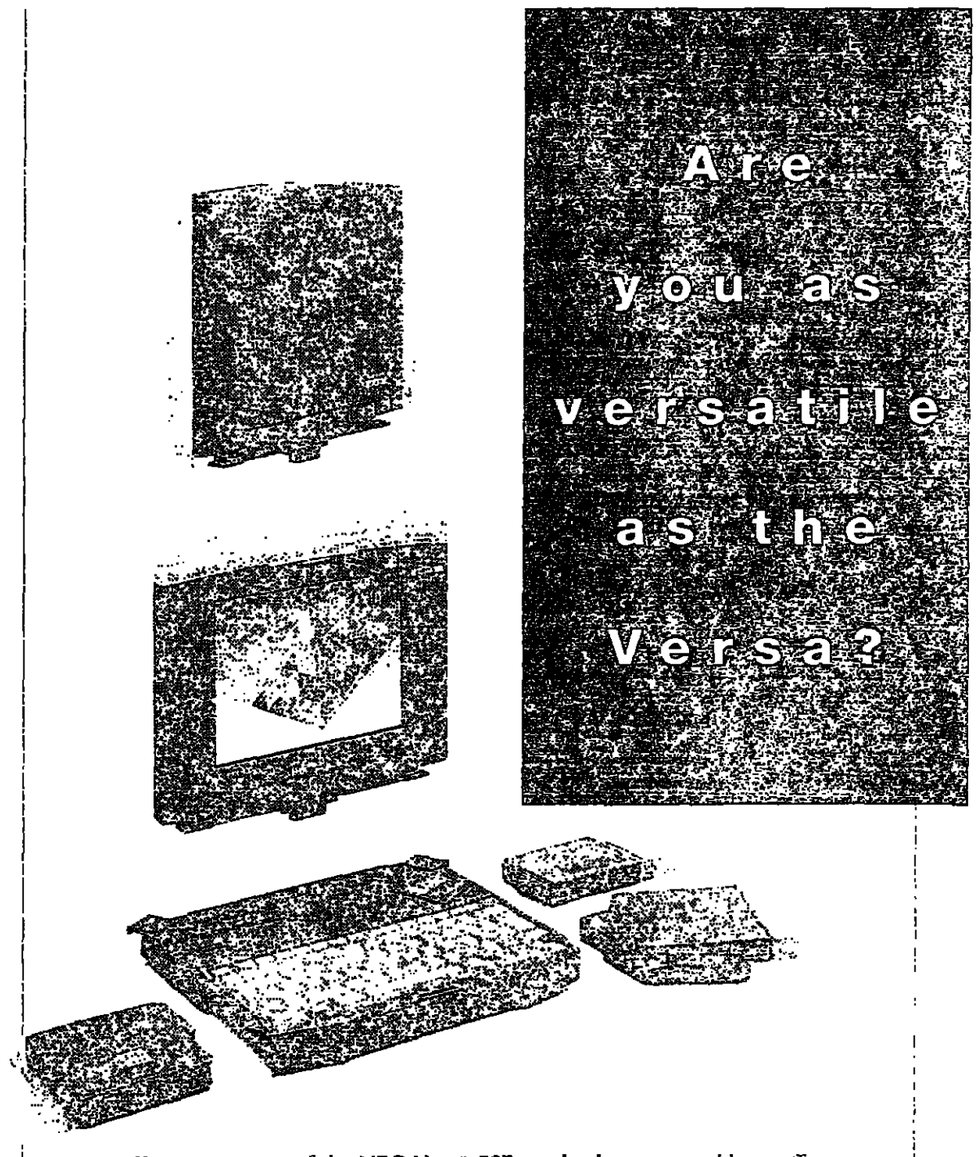
He was found by police after his release, staggering in the road covered with blood, the court was told. The two men, both aged 45, and the woman, aged 39, from Poplar, east London, deny charges of assault and unlawful imprisonment last March.

The two men argued over whether or not to kill Mr Deller. "There was a fight and the father who wanted to kill him lost." Christopher Mitchell, for the prosecution, said. One of them ended up in hospital as a result of the fight.

"The two fathers blamed Danny for the problems of their children. The fact that one's daughter and the other's son took heroin."

Mr Deller, also of Poplar, spent three days in hospital.

The trial continues.



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BPMF: Institute of Psychiatry	5.00	1	92.7
Courtauld Institute of Art	5.00	1	100
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Institute of Education	5.00	1	97.6
Institute of Germanic Studies	5.00	1	100
London Business School	5.00	1	100
School of Pharmacy	5.00	1	90.2
University of Cambridge	4.82	52	98
University of Oxford	4.67	45	99.9
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	4.60	2	100
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'Only the Hammersmith is clearly in the International league (alpha plus) on a broad front' 'A national asset that should be preserved'

Review Advisory Committee on the Special Health Authorities, June 1993.

Dear Secretary of State,

Option of moving the Hammersmith Hospital to the Charing Cross Hospital site

The policy to rationalise hospital medicine in London has involved plans to unite some of the larger hospitals into single institutions. As part of that process, the plans to unite the Hammersmith Hospital with the Charing Cross Hospital are now well under way, and in the long term it seems very likely (although not finally resolved) that the two institutions will merge on a single site. The choice of site(s) for the resulting "West London Medical Centre" has yet to be fixed, and in our view will have a critical outcome for medical research in this country.

We are convinced that to move the Hammersmith Hospital to a different site would put at risk one of the foremost institutions of medical research in Europe. While small research groups, and even whole academic departments, have been resited in the past, there is no experience of what would happen to a large medical school if it were to be moved in this way.

The Hammersmith Hospital/Royal Postgraduate Medical School has an outstanding record in training research workers in clinical medicine and placing its staff in senior academic posts around the country. There can hardly be a single medical school in the UK in which many of its senior staff have not spent part of their years in training at the Hammersmith Hospital. We fear that the process of merging the Hammersmith with another institution on a different site would herald the demise of the Hammersmith in its present form. The uncertainty that would accompany a plan for such a merger (perhaps within five years) would accelerate the departure of research groups in the short term, and would make it almost impossible to replace them. The fear is that there might be precious little to move when the moment came.

The Hammersmith has a unique place in British medicine. Recent reviews of its many activities as a research institution have unfailingly identified it at the forefront in this country, and we press you now to use your influence when the moment comes to ensure its future on its present site.

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Poachers blamed for poison arrow attack on tourists

By Sam Kiley and Bill Frost

POACHERS were probably behind the raid on a group of tourists in Tanzania in which one of the group was killed by a poison arrow.

Robert Collier, 30, from Vancouver, died just over an hour after being hit by the arrow when fighting off the attackers at a remote camp site on the edge of the Serengeti National Park. Tanzanian security forces have arrested several suspects.

Ian Ripper, manager of Guerba Expeditions, of Wiltshire, the organisers, said the group of 18, including three guides, were set upon late at night and did not know the identity of their attackers. "They were probably poachers striking opportunistically," he said.

The group, five of them Britons, were on the final leg of a 23-week trip from Morocco to Nairobi. The Britons are Karen Prosser, 24, from Solihull; Graham Bennett and his wife Rosemary, both 45, from Wembley, northwest London; Errol Robathan, 27, from Bristol; and Helen Bradley, 28, from the Midlands but now living in Australia and Mr Collier's fiancée.

"The alarm was raised when women in the group began screaming that the camp was being invaded," Mr Ripper said. "The raiders took off and we prepared to leave the site. But the raiders re-



Robathan: among the five Britons attacked

turned quickly. The staff of three did not realise at first that the arrow was poisoned until Bob's condition deteriorated rapidly. The group rushed to a medical centre for security and treatment. But Bob died before he could be seen by an expert."

Marion Robathan, from Bristol, whose son Errol had been caught up in the attack, said yesterday: "I would think they all went into deep shock once they realised that one of the group was dying. The group had been together for five months and must have known each other well."

Only two tribes in the region still understand the art of poison preparation. However, the power of the paste on the arrow which killed Mr Collier indicates it had been prepared to kill a large animal. The attack happened in western Tanzania near Lake Victoria, a border area notorious for poachers and smugglers.

Most African tribes keep the exact ingredients of their poisons a closely guarded secret — partly to preserve their advantage over other groups, but also to ensure that the powerful poisons are handled only by experts.

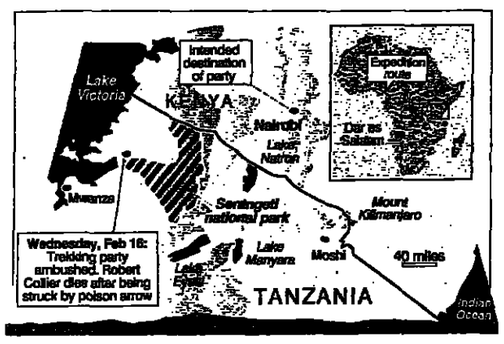
Martin Crabb, managing director of Guerba Expeditions, said yesterday that crime against tourists in Tanzania was "virtually unheard of" and the country should not be judged on an isolated event. He said that after the attack locals held a memorial service for Mr Collier. "They were shocked and revolted by what had occurred."

Mr Collier's body was cremated yesterday in a simple ceremony near the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro. His ashes are to be flown home.

☐ The arrow which killed Mr Collier had been tipped in snake venom or the sap of a poisonous plant, toxicologists said last night.

Dr Malcolm Molyneux, of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, said Mr Collier would have had rapid paralysis or massive internal bleeding soon after being wounded. Even if his companions had known that he had been poisoned they could have done little beyond tying a tourniquet around his leg, Dr Molyneux said. "Sucking the poison out is not to be recommended."

David Warrell, professor of tropical medicine and infectious diseases at Oxford University, said that the venom of the black mamba or puff adder could possibly have been responsible for Mr Collier's death. "However, given the limited information available, I think it more likely that the arrow had been dipped in a potent plant toxin. The symptoms are enormously varied but one would expect the individual's face to turn blue and he would then go into shock."



PETER LOMAS



WPC Leslie Harrison, right, who was resuscitated in casualty, and WPC Ruth Polhill

WPC stabbed in heart was minute away from death

By Ronald Faux

A POLICEWOMAN chasing a burglar realised that he had stabbed her in the heart only when she began to feel exhausted, a court was told yesterday. She would have died if emergency surgery had been delayed by one minute.

WPC Leslie Harrison, 31, was initially saved by a surgeon embedding his finger in a 3cm wound made by a screwdriver to staunch the bleeding until doctors could operate. Preston Crown Court was told that the attack occurred after a 999 call from neighbours reporting an attempted break-in.

Stephen Doyle, 29, of Liverpool, denies 11 charges, including attempting to murder WPC Harrison, attempting to wound four other officers and a taxi driver with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, and the aggravated taking of a taxi.

The court was told that on December 27, 1992, Mr Doyle was confronted by police in an alley at Wavertree, Liverpool. It was alleged that he had something in his hand and warned WPC Ruth Polhill to back away. She shouted into her radio and WPC Harrison came into the alley.

During a violent struggle and a chase she was struck in the chest and upper arm, Rodney Klevan QC, for the prosecution, said. She felt winded by the blow and fell over. Mr Klevan said that two male officers joined WPC Polhill and struggled on the ground with Mr Doyle, who was shouting: "Get off. I've got a knife and I'll stab you."

Mr Doyle broke free and hijacked a taxi, lunging at the driver with the screwdriver. The driver hid in the back of his vehicle and when it was abandoned followed Mr Doyle to a pub and called police.

Mr Klevan said: "This was a dreadful stabbing of a policewoman in the execution of her duty. He drove that screwdriver into her with ferocity. It penetrated many inches into her and into her heart. We say he intended to kill her."

Mr Klevan said that WPC Harrison had helped to chase Mr Doyle. "She felt extremely drained and out of breath. She lifted up her sweater and saw the front of her shirt was covered in blood. She realised for the first time she had been stabbed." She was given oxygen and a transfusion in an ambulance and resuscitated in the casualty department of the Royal Liverpool Teaching Hospital, where she was treated by a surgeon, Nicholas Davies.

Her abdomen was opened and it was found that the sac area around her heart had filled with blood, which was removed. Dr Davies found a 2cm hole in the right ventricle. "His view is that if he had delayed for a minute more and not evacuated the area round the heart, Harrison would have died."

The trial continues.

Kennedys arrive in Belfast

Paul Hill launches appeal against murder conviction

By Nicholas Watt and Kate Muir

MEMBERS of America's Kennedy family arrived in Belfast last night for the start today of an appeal by Paul Hill, one of the Guildford Four, against a conviction for murdering a former soldier in 1974.

Mr Hill, 39, who last year married Courtney Kennedy, 37, daughter of the assassinated Robert Kennedy, said yesterday that he was determined to clear his name so he could take up US citizenship. Accompanying Mr Hill and his wife are Ethel Kennedy, the former attorney-general's widow, and her son Congressman Joe Kennedy.

Mr Hill's appeal, which could last up to two weeks, will be monitored by human rights groups, including Amnesty International and Helsinki Watch. He claims to have new evidence which his legal team received from the Crown only last year. Mr Hill was jailed for life in 1975 for the murder of Brian Shaw, a 21-year-old former soldier from Nottingham who had moved to Belfast. He was freed on bail in 1989 after the Court of Appeal quashed his convictions for the IRA pub bombings in Guildford and Woolwich in 1974.

Mr Hill confessed to taking part in the murder of Mr Shaw while in custody at Guildford police station, where he also confessed to the pub bombings. His statement on the bombings was later discounted and his convictions, along with those of the other members of the Guildford Four, were quashed in October 1989 as "unsafe and unsatisfactory". However, his conviction for the murder of Mr Shaw still stood, and he was released on bail in Belfast pending his appeal against the Shaw conviction.

The Crown will argue at the appeal that Mr Hill's confession to the murder of Mr Shaw was "uncontaminated" by the Guildford miscarriage of justice. It will be argued that no complaints were made at the time about the conduct of RUC officers who interviewed Mr Hill in Guildford.

At the trial in 1975 for the murder of Mr Shaw the court was told that the former soldier was lured to a bar in the republican Lower Falls area where he was abducted. He was beaten and interrogated before being shot in a derelict house.

The Crown alleged that, while Mr Hill had not shot Shaw, he was "present as a principal". Mr Hill, who was then aged 20, was sentenced to life. Mr Justice Kelly, the trial judge, said he was a member of the IRA and an active member of the group sent to kill Mr Shaw.

Mr Hill, who has been preparing for the case in Co Clare, says he cannot plan the rest of his life until he wins his fight against the conviction. "I haven't been able to live somewhere permanently. I haven't been able to get into the professional side of life again. Also it has meant that I have been a convicted murderer since my release from the Old Bailey."

The appeal will raise painful memories for the family of Mr Shaw, who was murdered a week after his wedding in Belfast.

Maureen Ashwood, Mr Shaw's mother-in-law, said yesterday: "His death is always in my mind, but this has brought it back. I will never forget that we had his family over one week for the wedding. The next week they were back for the funeral."

The Kennedy family will attend the Court of Appeal daily during the two-week hearing. The American embassies in London and Dublin have discussed security with the family, considering a possibility that they will be at risk of attack from extremist Protestant groups.

Courtney Kennedy has shown strong interest in Irish and human rights issues since she attended Trinity College in Dublin. The couple divide their time between Doolin, Co Clare, and Fifth Avenue.



Paul Hill: claims to have new evidence



Courtney Kennedy: will be in court every day

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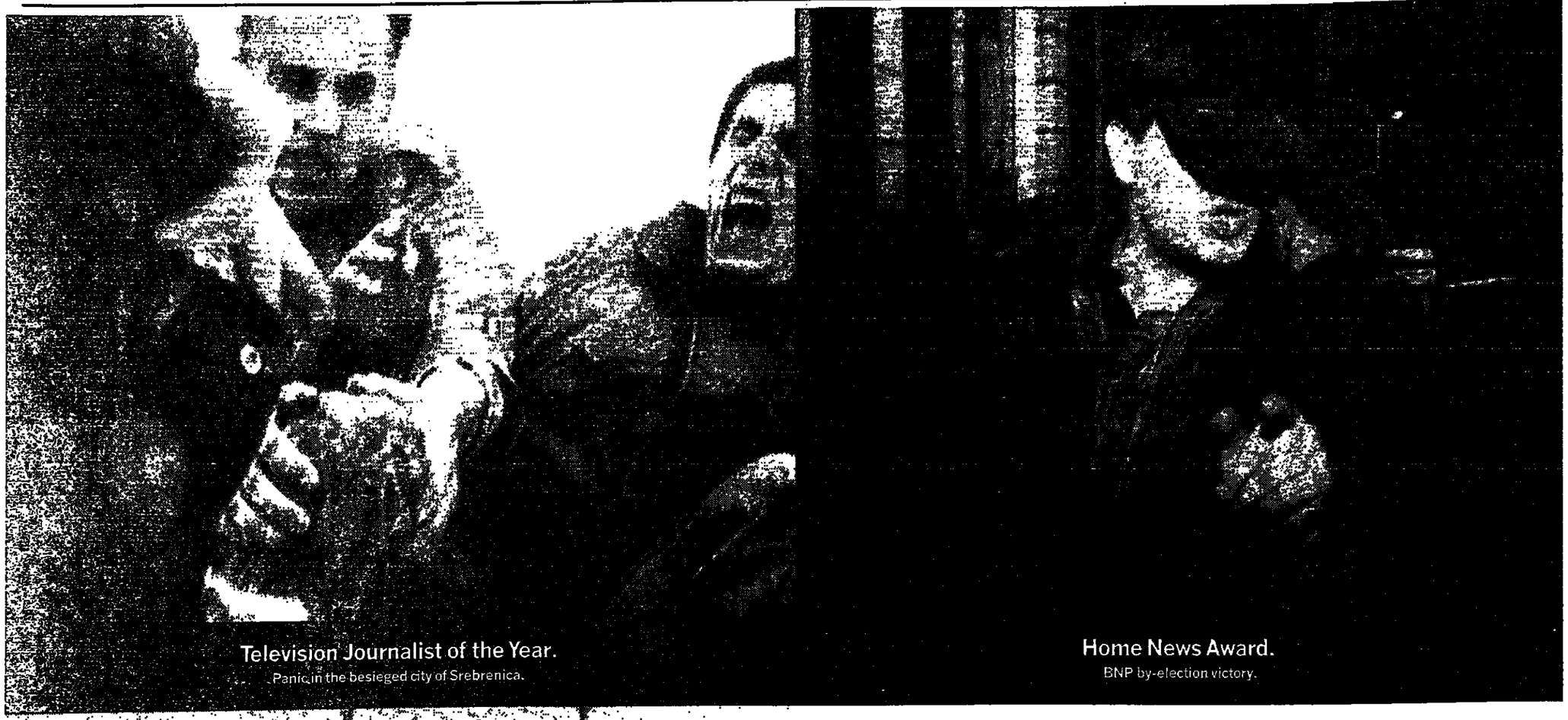
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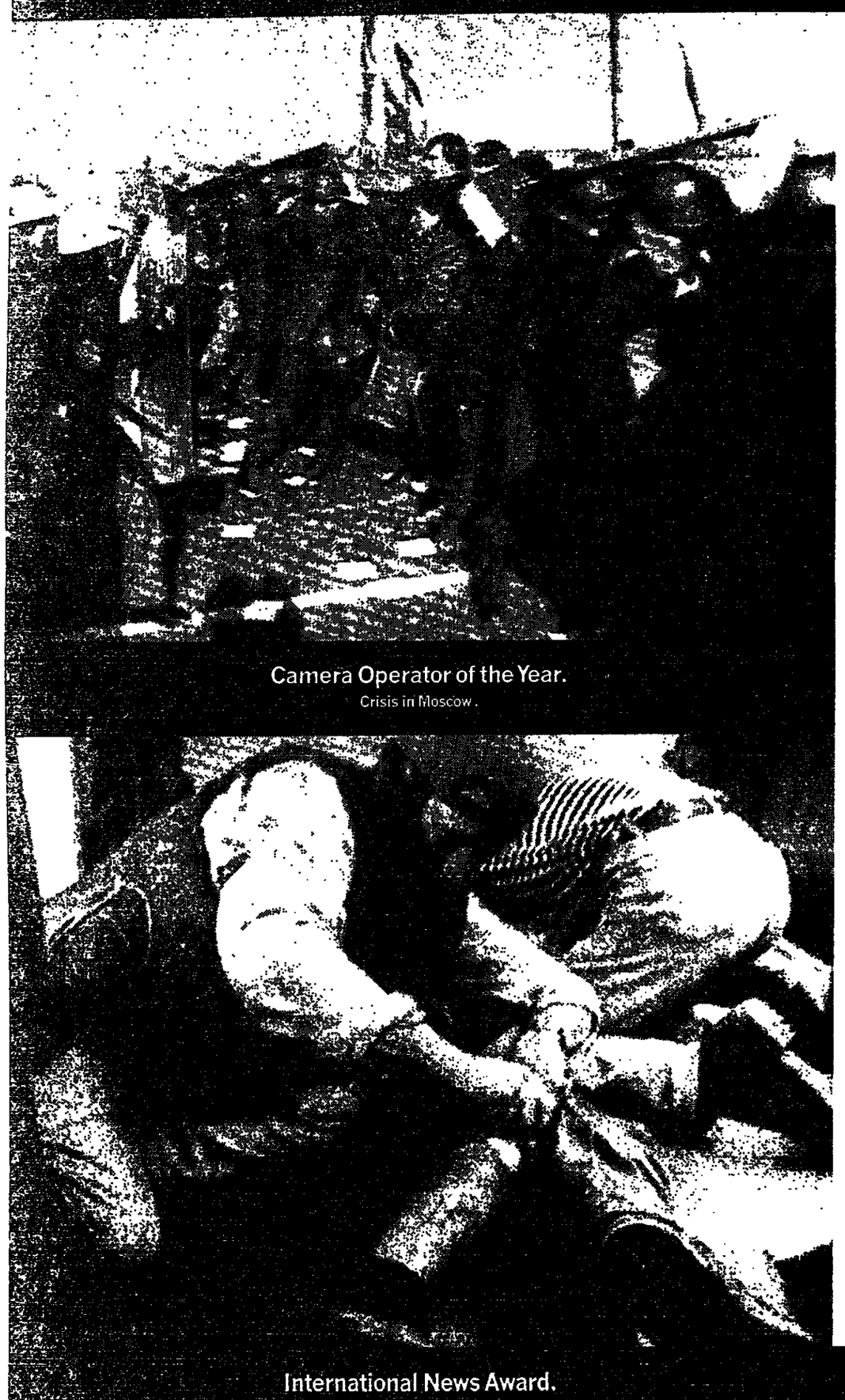
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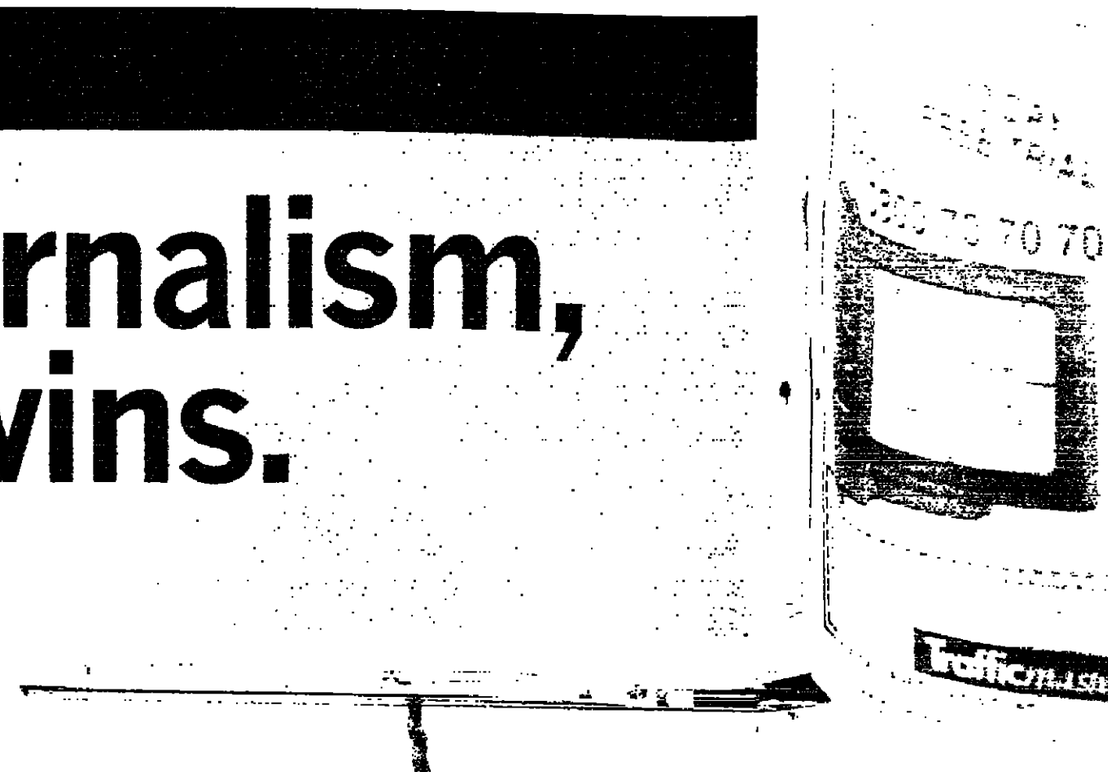
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Arts Council censors critical report that condemned secrecy

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

■ Some members of the council are believed to have sought wider circulation of a report criticising misjudgment over policy

THE Arts Council has censored a damning internal report into its "profound misjudgment" over the handling of policy last year.

The Times has learnt that the report, which calls for "much greater openness" and is critical of "the secrecy and opacity of our decision-making processes", has been circulated to staff members in a sanitised form. Only the 17 unpaid members of the full council have seen the whole document.

Several members of the council are believed to have argued for its wider publication, but were overruled by the chairman, Lord Palumbo. The cover-up will be seen as perpetuating the very secrecy the council has been advised to abolish.

The report, which reviews management practices and has been compiled by five council members, was ordered following a year during which U-turns in music and drama policy drew heavy criticism and caused widespread distress within the arts world.

The secret part of the report is the most damning. It says that decisions were unsustainable because they were made "on the basis of inadequate paperwork and in particular lack of briefing".

It adds: "The shortcomings of the process were not balanced by any compensatory clarity of exposition of the issues by either relevant chairmen or officers." The greatest of last year's "mistakes" were bred at a council conference in Woodstock, Oxfordshire, where the Artistic Review strategy was discussed. The abortive London orchestra policy and the list of threatened regional theatres emerged from that meeting. The decision to slash the drama budget if Government subsidy was cut put many jobs in the arts at risk and was also made at Woodstock.

The report describes council members entering the discussions without "the knowledge fully to understand the Council's existing strategy or to realise the full consequences of changing it. Thus we came to Woodstock with an uncertain grasp of our artform policies and left insufficiently wiser."

The blame is laid at all doors. Anthony Everitt, who announced his resignation as secretary-general last week, is not singled out, but as head of the executive must bear some of the responsibility.

The censored pages of the report say: "Our [the full council's] failure to consider the wider implications must in some considerable measure be our own fault, but the failure to ensure that we did so was at the least a profound misjudgment which cannot reflect well on the Executive which is there to advise us."

Most worrying for the Arts Council, however, is one paragraph, excised from the document seen by staff, which appears to nullify the arms-length principle.

"It may be argued that Council has wished upon itself the constant and sometimes inept intervention by the State which has bedevilled the Council and which has culminated in this Annus Horribilis ... Council must regain the initiative."

Because the report recommends ways to stop mistakes happening again, its revelations will bring some comfort to the council's artistic clients who have long-criticised the lack of internal communication. But it will make a nonsense of attempts to defend the council's 1993 record.

A spokeswoman for the Arts Council said that the secret part of the report had been used as the "diagnosis" of ills by council members, and that the circulated version was the "cure".

☐ The Arts Council yesterday announced that the East of England has won the competition to stage the Year of Opera and Musical Theatre in 1997. The project, part of the Arts 2000 series, will receive £250,000 from the Arts Council.

Legal aid board attacks Mackay's divorce reform

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A CENTRAL plank of the Lord Chancellor's plans to reform divorce law is to be attacked as costly and unworkable by his legal aid advisers.

The Legal Aid Board is expected to criticise Lord Mackay of Clashfern's controversial proposal that every couple planning to divorce must first attend an interview at which they will be urged to try mediation and advised whether they are eligible for legal aid.

The board will say in evidence on the Government's divorce Green Paper in the next two weeks, that it does not agree that the interviewer should also decide if the couple qualifies for legal aid. A board official said: "It will be very difficult ... to combine the two roles of imparting information on the one hand and making the decision over funding on the other."

If the board had to transfer decisions on legal aid applications to another agency, it would involve a huge and costly transfer of skills. The board is expected to recommend that legal aid committees should continue to decide who qualifies.

The board is also critical of the proposals that couples will be encouraged to go to mediation sessions and could be denied legal aid if they refuse. It is concerned that people who rely on legal aid for divorce are not those who understand or use mediation and are unlikely to be able to represent themselves in such sessions. "The couples we fund are unlikely to be the ones who find mediation attractive," the official said.

The board is also worried that no measures are being put forward to oversee the standards of mediation. It believes that a national organisation needs to ensure quality control.

The board's criticisms of the divorce proposals outlined before Christmas are the second from a prominent body. The Solicitors' Family Law Association has given a warning that couples who refuse mediation might be denied legal aid, leading to "injustice, potentially on a large scale".

Jane Simpson, chairman of the association, said that many poorer families would be forced into accepting divorce settlements which were not in their best interests. "The Government has to understand that, whilst mediation is a useful tool, it cannot be provided 'on the cheap' and is not, on its own, the solution to the current problem."

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MARTIN BEDDALL



Westminster Council sweeper William Taylor does his bit for the capital yesterday

London sweeps to victory in Europe

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

LONDON emerged as the surprise winner in a European survey of clean and tidy capitals, leaving cities like Madrid and Athens streets behind.

The findings, which covered litter, graffiti, dog mess, fly-posting, vandalism and overflowing bins, are based on surveys by staff of the Tidy Britain Group. The survey of nine capital cities covered a one-kilometre circle of streets, parks and play areas around each country's parliament buildings.

Amsterdam emerged as Europe's graffiti capital and Madrid as the dog fouling centre. Paris has Europe's dirtiest shopping street.

John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, said after the award: "I am delighted that this tremendous achievement has finally scotched the idea that London is a dirtier place than other European cities."

Professor Graham Ashworth, director-general of the group, said Britain had shown a steady improvement in litter levels since the introduction of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. He said the group was "not saying that London is without its litter problems ... However it does show we are cleaner than our European neighbours".

Britain faces skin cancer epidemic

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

SKIN cancer has become Britain's fastest growing cancer, with more than 25 per cent more cases last year than in 1992, according to the latest figures.

More than 40,000 people in the UK were diagnosed as suffering from skin cancer in 1993, up from 30,000 in 1992, because of increased exposure to the sun.

A leading cancer expert warned yesterday that babies and small children must be protected against the sun this summer. Professor Gordon McVie, scientific director of the Cancer Research Campaign said that without adequate sunscreens, youngsters risked damage from ultraviolet light which could cause lasting harm in adult life.

A nationwide survey commissioned by the Cancer Research Campaign and Boots the Chemist shows that parents use sun protection creams on their children, but few keep them covered up in T-shirts, hats and sunglasses, or keep them out of the treacherous midday sun.

Professor McVie said: "The increased number of skin cancer cases we are witnessing is a legacy of the 1960s and 1970s, when the advent of the cheap package holiday brought the Mediterranean sun within the reach of most people's pockets.

"This is one cancer which is entirely preventable, but unless we can get people — particularly parents — to follow simple sun protection guidelines, I fear we will be facing a skin cancer epidemic by 2014."

The most dangerous form of skin cancer, malignant melanoma, is still considered rare but accounts for about 5,000 new cases a year in the UK. It is more common in women than men.

There were 1,265 deaths from the disease in the UK in 1992, split equally between men and women. Survival rates for women seem to be improving, which may be due to earlier diagnosis.

Malignant melanoma appears usually as a black or dark mole with irregular edges which can itch and bleed. Benign moles are more regular in shape and have a lighter pigmentation. Most people develop moles on their body before the age of 30, but any which appear suddenly should be treated with suspicion.

In England and Wales between 1968 and 1985, there was an 80 per cent greater chance of women developing the disease in Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Isle of Wight, East Sussex and Cambridgeshire.

Men had a 100 per cent increased risk of developing the disease in Cornwall and were also more vulnerable in Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, West and East Sussex.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Saboteur must pay damages

A mother has been awarded £250 damages against a hunt saboteur who threw fox fur at her two-year-old twins. Hunt enthusiasts said the ruling at Norwich County Court was significant. David Bredin, of the British Field Sports Society, said: "The smokescreen behind which the hunt saboteurs have hidden saying their activities are conducted in a legal fashion has been blown wide open."

The society helped fund Alison Claxton, 42, in her two-year legal battle against Timothy Nickerson, 32. The incident happened at a meeting of the West Norfolk Foxhounds at Stanfield in October 1991. After a kill, a struggle broke out over the carcass. Nickerson walked away with clumps of fur caked in blood and flung them through Mrs Claxton's car window.

Taxi death

Lee Cooper, 20, appeared before *Swansea magistrates* charged with murdering Henry Janes, 50, a taxi driver stabbed and set on fire at Pontardawe, West Glamorgan. He was remanded in custody.

BR tout war

British Rail has begun a crackdown on touts selling used but valid tickets. It has put up posters warning people they face prosecution if caught buying them and will also provide sealed disposal boxes.

Arson charge

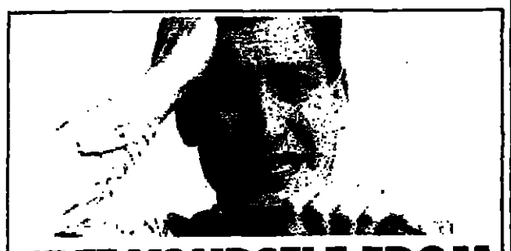
John Davies, 30, of Risca, Gwent, admitted arson with intent to endanger the lives of four police officers injured in a gas explosion in September at Newport Crown Court. He was remanded in custody.

Ear bitten off

Police fear a man's ear was swallowed by another man during a fight at a nightclub in Cheltenham, Glocestershire. A search of the scene failed to find it.

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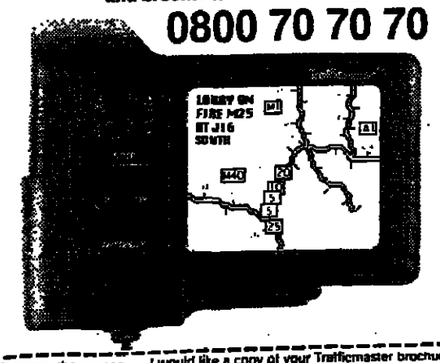
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BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Linares line-up

The tournament in Linares, Spain, starts today. It is a category 18 event, the highest ever achieved, and is packed with famous names. Sadly, Michael Adams has dropped out, but his place is taken by the Ukrainian grandmaster Alexander Beliavsky.

Baroque round-up

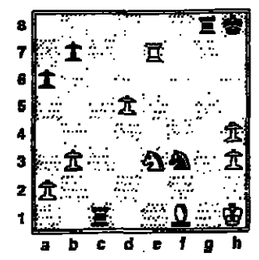
The full table of results, below, from the Baroque International tournament in London reveals the ferocious nature of the play, with few draws. In the table, 1 represents a win, ½ a draw and 0 a loss. An example of the winner's uncompromising style.

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Black: McDonald
Baroque International, *London, February 1994*
King's Indian defence

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11	Bg5	h6
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27	Rc7	Be5
28	Re7	Ng5
29	Bxe5+	dxe5
30	Qxg6	Rxg6
31	Kh1	h3
32	Bf1	Rg7
33	Ra8+	Rg8
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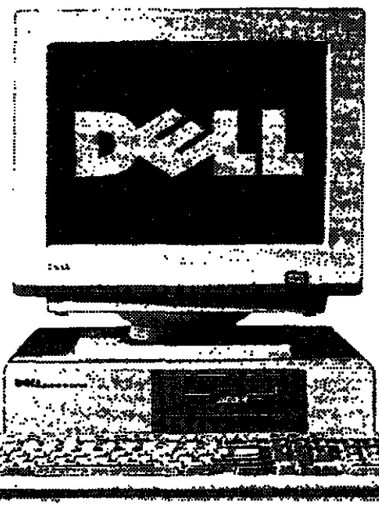
Diagram of final position



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3	Agnos	0	1	*	1	0	1	1	½	1	1	6½
4	Morris	½	½	0	*	1	1	½	½	1	1	6
5	Summerscale	0	½	1	0	*	1	1	1	0	1	5½
6	Emms	0	0	0	0	0	*	1	1	0	1	3
7	McEwan	½	0	0	½	0	0	*	0	1	1	3
8	Tyrtania	0	0	½	½	0	0	1	*	1	0	3
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Bitter opponents disrupt historic proceedings as four brief votes conclude decades of debate

Synod topples last barrier in path of women priests

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

THE path was finally cleared for more than 1,000 women to be ordained priests when the General Synod of the Church of England yesterday rubber-stamped the necessary change of law.

After five and a half years of legal argument and decades of debate, the synod approved the final promulgation of the canons amending ecclesiastical law in a series of four votes, in which there was no debate.

But the bitterness of traditionalists which has characterised nearly all recent synods continued to the end. Synod members arriving for yesterday's meeting were greeted by the spectre of a coffin with the words Church of England daubed on the side, and a wreath saying RIP on the steps leading to the entrance of Church House in Westminster.

Despite last-minute protests and objections, the votes succeeded by a large majority in each case and from about 11.45pm yesterday it became legal for a woman to be ordained priest in England for the first time. However, none will be able to celebrate communion, pronounce absolution or give the general blessing in the name of God until March 13, the day after the first 33 women have been ordained in Bristol.

The change of law is expected to prompt dozens of defections. Many Anglicans are expected to be received into the Roman Catholic Church this Easter. But Anglicans also predict that many Catholics will travel the other way, attracted by the sacramental ministry of women priests. During debate, the Rev John Broadhurst, chairman of the traditionalist group Forward in Faith, urged the synod not to take the votes. "This legislation is contrary to the tradition and ethos of the Old Testament," he said, arguing that it was the first time in its history the church had passed legislation which not only caused loyal members to leave, but made provision for their departure.

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The legislation went against the teachings of St Paul, the *Book of Common Prayer* and the canons of the Council of Nicea, he said. "For these reasons many members of this synod are not here today and may never be here again."

As the first of three canons was promulged, another traditionalist launched a protest from the gallery. The Rev Paul Williamson, who failed this week in a last-ditch High Court attempt to declare women priests illegal, shouted at the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, as he signed the canon and passed it to the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood.

Mr Williamson, holding a banner, said: "You have just lost the Church of England and its assets. We will have the doctrine tested in every court in the land and Europe, your grace."

Dr Carey said: "May I just remind the synod of the tone in which the debate should be conducted." Earlier, he had asked members of the synod to be courteous and to promulge the canon "in a spirit of sensitivity and understanding of one another".

He said he was aware that the issue had caused "anger, pain, pleasure, sorrow and joy". In a statement after the votes, Dr Carey said the promulgation "brings to an end a legislative process which began in the General Synod more than five and a half years ago". He said: "To some, it will be a cause of sadness and regret. They will continue, however, to have a full and honoured place within the church. To many more, this is a moment for rejoicing, in the confident expectation of the rich and diverse gifts women will bring to the priestly ministry. I pay tribute to the way in which these women have shown patience and courage in times past."

He said the women "may understandably feel they have their just reward". He called on the church to "unite in proclaiming the Gospel to a world in need. That is our primary task and the one in which we must now join."

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TONY WHITE



Deacons Judie Horrock and Joy Carrol, who are soon to become priests, hug each other as the General Synod gives its final approval

Bristol Cathedral will be scene of first ordinations

THE first ordination of women priests takes place on March 12 at Bristol Cathedral. The following is a breakdown of numbers, place and dates:

London: 70, St Paul's Cathedral, on April 8.
Southwark: about 80, Southwark Cathedral, May 23.
Canterbury: 23, Canterbury Cathedral, May 8.
Chichester: about 20 ordinations, probably in May.
Guildford: 32, from April 24.
St Albans: 62, St Albans Abbey, April 23.
Rochester: 31, the first at Rochester Cathedral on May 28.
Chelmsford: about 55, Chelmsford Cathedral, April 30.
Portsmouth: 22, with the first ordination at Portsmouth Cathedral, May 12.
Winchester: 19, with the first at the Church of Maybush, Southampton, April 7.
Salisbury: 35, with the first at Salisbury Cathedral, June 11.
Bristol: 32, Bristol Cathedral, March 12.
Bath and Wells: 30, Wells Cathedral, May 14/15.
Truro: eight being considered for ordination, July 2.
Gloucester: number unknown, but May 13/14.
Exeter: About 40 already deacons. The number who want to be priests is not yet known. First ordinations at Exeter Cathedral, June 26.
Birmingham: 35, St Philip's Cathedral, from May 20.
Coventry: 34, Coventry Cathedral, from April 23.
Derby: 21, Tideswell Parish Church, from May 14.
Leicester: 15, Leicester Cathedral, from May 7.
Lincoln: 36, Lincoln Cathedral, from May 22.
Lichfield: 52, Lichfield Cathedral, from April 23.
Southwell (including Nottingham): 49, in six services from May 29.
Ely: 26, Ely Cathedral, May 28.
Oxford: 66, April 16/17.
Hereford: 16, Hereford Cathedral, May 7.
Worcestershire: 27, Worcester Cathedral, May 7: five, Hartlebury Parish Church, May 6.
Norwich: up to 30, Norwich Cathedral, April 30.
St Edmondsbury and Ipswich: about 24, St Edmondsbury Cathedral, April 30.
Newcastle: 16, May 8/15.
Durham: about 38, May 28/29.
York: 38, May 14/21.
Carlisle: 14, May 14.
Manchester: 32, at Salford, Bolton, Heywood and Stretford, April 23.
Blackburn: 16, May 14.
Isle of Man (Sodor and Man diocese): one, no arrangements yet.
Liverpool: 28, Liverpool Cathedral, May 22.
Chester: 24, Chester Cathedral, May 29.
Ripon: 25, Ripon Cathedral, May 28/29.
Bradford: up to 15, Bradford Cathedral, May 8.
Sheffield: 25, Sheffield Cathedral, March 15/16/17.
Wakefield: up to 20, at the end of June.

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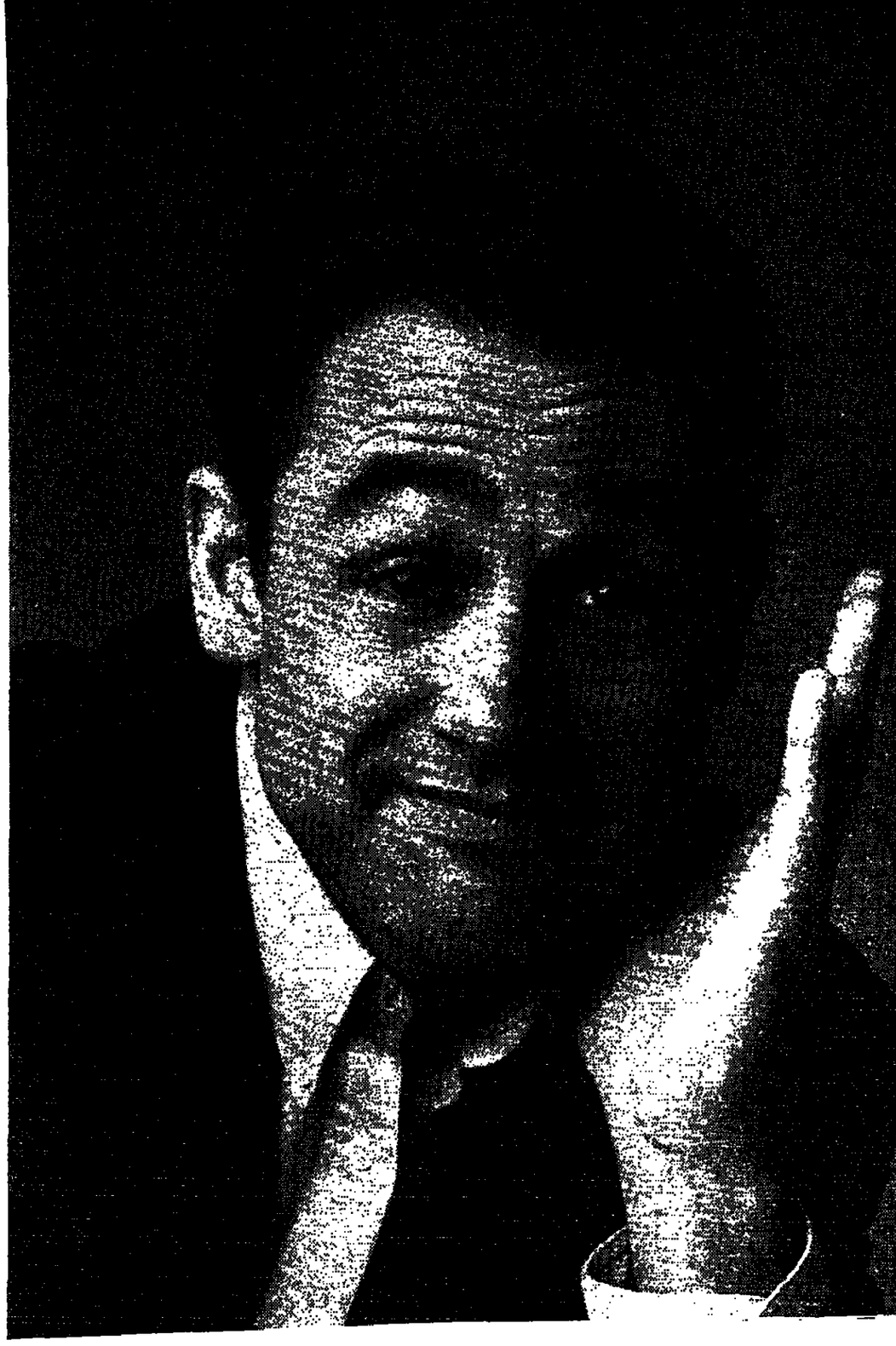
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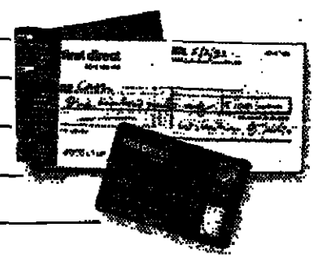
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Gay groups blame Labour for defeat on age of consent

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR MPs were being blamed by gay activists yesterday for the failure in the Commons to lower the age of consent for homosexuals to 16. Thirty-nine Labour MPs voted against the first motion, to equalise the age of consent, and 14 abstained.

The gay lobby admitted that it had miscalculated the strength of feeling in the older generation of Labour members. Some of the shadow Cabinet were also surprised and dismayed that some of their own colleagues such as David Blunkett, the shadow Health Secretary, and Ann Taylor, shadow Education Secretary, voted against 16.

Gay organisations had predicted that well over 200 Labour MPs would support lowering the age to 16. However, campaigners had relied too heavily on a number of Labour MPs abstaining on the 16 vote — if necessary by going home early — rather than voting against.

They had hoped that the decision by John Smith, Tony Blair and Neil Kinnock to support 16 in the weeks leading up to the vote would have dissuaded Labour MPs from going through the No division lobby.

Labour MPs defended their corner, arguing that there should be no recriminations over a free vote. Many of those voting against 16 are from traditional Northern or Midland constituencies or where there is a high Catholic population. Calum MacDonald, MP for Western Isles, was said to have come under huge pressure from his constituency, one of the most traditional in the country.

Most of the 39 voting against were of the older generation and less likely to hold liberal views about homosexuality than the new Labour intake. The MPs were also under less pressure from branch activists supporting gay rights, because of Labour's move to introduce one member, one vote in constituencies for reselecting MPs.

Although Stonewall, the gay and lesbian group, lobbied hard among Tory MPs, they admitted yesterday that they had been less active among Labour members, relying instead on branch activity.

Peter Hardy, MP for Wentworth, South Yorkshire, and a former schoolmaster, insisted that lowering the age of consent to 16 would not have offered enough protection to young boys. "Schoolboys are incapable of resisting pressure," he said. Young soldiers also came under similar pressure, said Mr Hardy, who has also served in the armed forces. "When boys leave home their parents want to know that there isn't an open door."

Those voting against 16 included the Chief Whip, Derek Foster, the deputy Chief Whip, Don Dixon, and a third whip, Ray Powell. All three men stood prominently for some time by the No lobby on Monday night, making it clear to other MPs that they should be free to vote in the opposite lobby to John Smith without fear of recrimination.

Glenda Jackson, MP for Hampstead and Highgate, put out a statement with three other MPs, John Heppell, Keith Hill and Ian McCartney, justifying their decision to support 16 but vote against 18. "We believe that equality, not age, is the overriding issue in this debate, and voted for a reduction of the age of consent to 16 on that principle," the statement said. "We voted against the reduction of the age of consent to 18 because we do not believe in a compromise over an issue as fundamental as equality and human rights."

Late change of heart gives hope to activists

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE hard core of Tories pressing for the homosexual age of consent to be reduced to 16 were particularly heartened yesterday by the late swing among some of their previously sceptical colleagues.

Several of the leading campaigners pointed to last-minute changes of allegiance as indicating an unexpectedly rich vein of support on Tory benches. Some of the 42 Tories who supported the age of 16 were still undecided even as voting began, but were swayed by the arguments during the three-hour debate.

Among those persuaded by the debate was John Gorst, MP for Hendon North. "I was affected by the crass unreasonableness of some members of my own party, although there were also more positive aspects of the debate which also persuaded me," he said.

For several Tory MPs, constituency pressures proved important. The details behind the stark voting records indicate that at least 11 Conservative MPs were wary of making the bold step to 16 but did not want to vote down the option. Having abstained from the vote on 16, they supported the proposal to reduce the age to 18. Several were torn between opposing constituency viewpoints which could make a vote for or against fraught with electoral danger.

Campaigners immediately placed them in a separate, more persuadable category than the rest of the 31 Tories who abstained from both votes. The group will be now among the first MPs to be targeted by campaigners pushing for the age of consent to be reduced stilll further.

Andrew Bowden's seat of Brighton Kemptown has significant proportions of the elderly and gay communities, while Nirj Deva, MP for Brentford and Isleworth, faced an equally vociferous reaction whichever way he voted on the issue of 16. His west London constituency has a substantial gay population and a large Asian population opposed to homosexuality. The two were joined by nine Tory colleagues who decided against committing themselves on the age of 16 but who supported the option of 18.

MPs who left the party line

THIRTY-nine Labour MPs opposed 16 as the age of consent, surprising those who had expected almost total support. Their opposition was countered by the emergence of more supporters on the Tory benches than expected.

LABOUR AGAINST

Donald Anderson (Swansea E); Joe Ashton (Bassetlaw); Stuart Bell (Middlesbrough); Joe Benton (Bootle); Gerry Bermingham (St Helens S); David Blunkett (Brightside); Jim Callaghan (Heywood & Middleton); Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington); Jamie Cann (Ipswich); Eric Clarke (Midlothian); Bob Cryer (Bradford S); Lawrence Cunliffe (Leigh, Denzil Davies (Llanelli); Don Dixon (Jarrow); James Dunnachie (Pollok); Ken Eastham (Blackley); John Evans (St Helens N); Derek Foster (Bishop Auckland); Llin Golding (Newcastle-under-Lyme); Win Griffiths (Bridgend); Peter Hardy (Wentworth); Roy Hughes (Newport E), Barry Jones (Alyn & Deeside); Calum MacDonald (Western Isles); David Marshall (Shettleston); Michael Martin (Springburn); George Mudie (Leeds E); Bill O'Brien (Normanton); Stan Orme (Salford E); Robert Parry (Liverpool Riverside); Terry Patchett (Barnsley E); Ray Powell (Ogmore); Martin Redmond (Don Valley); Ted Rowlands (Merthyr Tydfil); Nigel Spearing (Newham S); Ann Taylor (Dewsbury); Jack Thompson (Wansbeck); Robert Wareing (Liverpool, W Derby); Tony Wright (Cannock & Burntwood).

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Peter Ainsworth (Surrey E); David Ashby (Leicestershire NW), Robert Banks (Harrogate); John Biffen (Shropshire N); Peter Bottomley (Eltham) John Bowis (Battersea); Gyles Brandreth (City of Chester); Michael Brown (Brigg & Cleethorpes); Matthew Carrington (Fulham); Edwina Currie (Derbyshire S); David Curry (Skipton & Ripon), Timothy Devlin (Stockton S), Alan Duncan (Rutland & Melton); Harold Elletson (Blackpool N); Michael Fabricant (Mid Staffs); Dudley Fishburn (Kensington); Tristan Garel-Jones (Watford); Alastair Goodlad (Eddisbury); John Gorst (Hendon N); William Hague (Richmond Yorks); Keith Hampson (Leeds NW); Jerry Hayes (Harlow); Alan Howarth (Stratford-on-Avon), Charles Hendry (High Peak); Robert G Hughes (Harrow W); Sir John Hunt (Ravensbourne); Bernard Jenkin (Colchester N); Robert Key (Salisbury); James Lester (Broxtowe); Peter Lloyd (Fareham); Andrew MacKay (Berkshire E); David Mellor (Putney); Tony Newton (Braintree); Steven Norris (Epping For); Dame Angela Rumbold (Mitcham and Morden); Nicholas Scott (Chelsea); Nicholas Soames (Crawley); Robin Squire (Hornchurch); Michael Stern (Bristol NW); William Waldegrave (Bristol W); Gary Waller (Keighley); Sir John Wheeler (Westminster N).



Hurd sings praises of secret services

BY ROBERT MORGAN
POLITICAL STAFF

THE life of an ambassador from an allied country was saved during the Gulf War by the work of British spies, Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, told MPs yesterday.

As MPs approved a Bill to open up the intelligence services to greater scrutiny, Mr Hurd said that agents of the Secret Intelligence Service, or MI6, had gained access to premises of a known terrorist in the capital of a developing country. Details of the terrorist's contacts were passed to the law enforcement agencies in a Western European country which the terrorist was known to visit, and as a result of surveillance the terrorist was prevented from assassinating the ambassador.

Mr Hurd told MPs that, in another instance, intelligence officers had discovered that facilities were being developed in a Third World country for the production of weapons of mass destruction. Work on the facility was frustrated.

The SIS was also valuable in countering drug running and other cross-border crime, the Foreign Secretary said. The work of these men and women usually and necessarily went unsung. The terrorist attack prevented, the potential crime disrupted and the vital intelligence gathered seldom made the news. Yet the work went on, often at considerable peril to agents' lives.

"They cannot earn personal recognition for these services, but they do deserve our gratitude," Mr Hurd said. He was speaking during the second reading debate of the Intelligence Services Bill, a further measure in fulfilment of the Government's pledge to open up the the work of the undercover agencies and to put them on a statutory basis.

For the first time, MPs and peers will have scrutiny powers over the work of the SIS and the Government's listening post, GCHQ in Cheltenham. A committee of six MPs and six members of the Lords, selected by the Prime Minister after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition, will keep a check on the administration, policy and expenditure of the Security Service, SIS and GCHQ, but it will have no power to investigate operational matters.

Mr Hurd said "unnecessary mystery" should be removed and that the public should have confidence in the agencies.

Dr Jack Cunningham, the shadow Foreign Secretary, welcomed the Bill as a "significant contribution to increasing the scrutiny of the intelligence and security services". Dr Cunningham said that the Bill was long overdue.



Cunningham: welcome for scrutiny powers

Ashdown needs more than reforming zeal

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Paddy Ashdown's main strength as a politician — as well as his main weakness — is that he does not view events primarily from a Westminster perspective. He is a self-conscious outsider. He has even been known to talk sympathetically about Baroness Thatcher's analysis and aims. His approach irritates many other MPs, including some of his Liberal Democrat colleagues. They were bemused when he decided to spend two and a half days a week from November 1992 until June last year visiting widely differing communities throughout Britain: and they were mystified because he travelled on his own and without the press.

The resulting book, *Beyond Westminster, Finding Hope in Britain* (Simon and Schuster £9.99), fully justifies his decision. Nine-tenths consists of often vivid and revealing accounts of these visits, not just to derelict inner-city districts but also to rural areas, as well as one of his trips to Bosnia. He finds much that is wrong in social divisions and lack of opportunity. Britain, he concludes, is in "a profoundly depressed and bewildered state".

The refreshing feature is that the book is not just one long whinge, a catalogue of negatives. Mr Ashdown is more positive. He looks at how people in these communities are trying to improve their conditions: whether drivers of relief lorries in Bosnia, individuals helping to fight illiteracy in Peckham or tackling crime in Solihull. People are much more ready, he believes, to make "sacrifices for what they regard to be the common good than we politicians have allowed ourselves to believe". He highlights the strong sense of community in many places and contrasts that with the increasing view that Westminster is irrelevant. "When we pass laws in Westminster, we do it without knowing the effect it will have on those whose livelihoods will be affected. The gap between Government and governed in Britain is dangerously wide and getting wider."

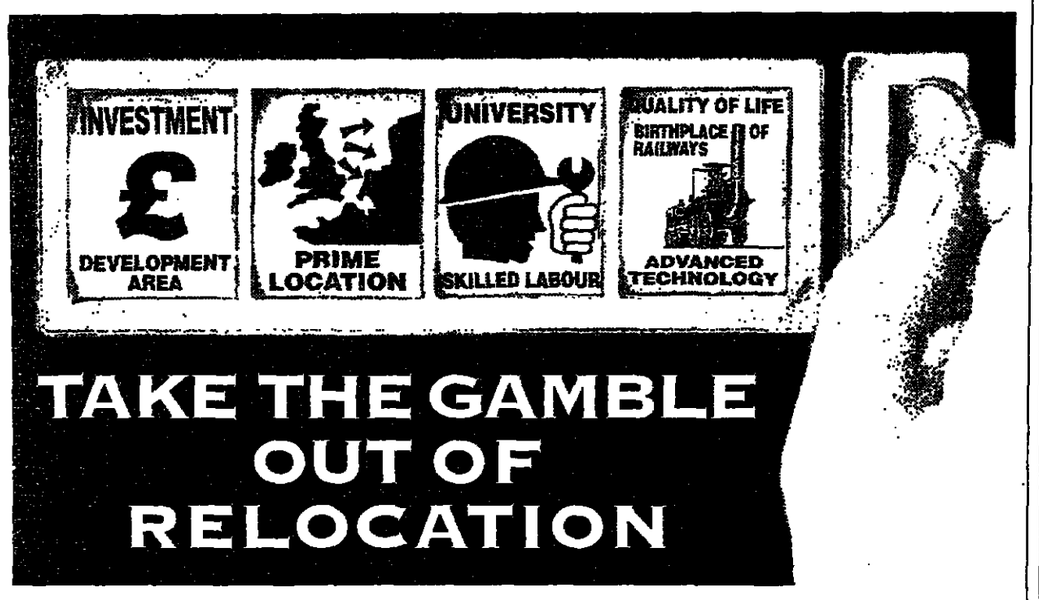
Mr Ashdown is better at posing questions than answering them. Talking yesterday in his Westminster office, he was unusually tentative. Lady Thatcher, he said, had achieved only "half a revolution. The Thatcher revolution liberated the power of the market and dispersed the economic power of the state. The revolution we now need is to liberate politics and disperse the political power of the Government."

His central theme is decentralisation and community self-help. In the book he discusses "whether political institutions shape the institutions of commerce, or whether the truth is not the other way round: whether it wasn't the impact of the industrial revolution which forced the franchise reforms of the 19th century: and the emergence of mass production and collective power which gave birth to mass politics in this century. If I am right, then it cannot be without significance that the new firms which are succeeding are doing so by dismantling the strong vertical hierarchies and command structures of the old industries and replacing them with a style of management which is participatory, encourages thinking, values its workforce, operates on consensus and encourages lateral networking".

Mr Ashdown is a keen advocate of the "reinventing government" thesis popularised in America, with its experiments in devolution of financial and management responsibility. To that extent, he is sympathetic to the changes introduced by the Major Government under the banner of the Citizen's Charter. He also supports earmarking of taxes. Mr Ashdown has been a long-standing enthusiast for an information highway as a means of public participation in decisions.

He may be right that Westminster and Whitehall are going to have to surrender some of their powers and that new energies and new thinking lie elsewhere. Politicians often promise more than they can achieve. But he exaggerates his criticisms of central government. Much of the impetus for the reforms in public services of the last few years which Mr Ashdown praises has come from Whitehall and from national politicians rather than from local communities. Like many in his party, and reflecting their many decades out of office, Mr Ashdown is uncomfortable with central government. But pluralism involves not just building up local communities and councils. It also involves recognising the contribution of central government. Mr Ashdown has written an intriguing book. But being an anti-politician is not enough.

PETER RIDDELL



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Major pressed for right-wing sacrifice

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CLOSE associates of the Prime Minister are urging him to drop a prominent right-winger in the Cabinet reshuffle expected in the summer.

The name of John Redwood, the Welsh Secretary, is being mentioned as a likely sacrifice in a sweeping clear-out of all ranks of the Government being pressed on John Major.

Mr Redwood, who has rocked the boat over tax increases, single mothers and spiralling NHS bureaucracy in recent months, has been targeted because of his alleged trouble-making and because he is thought to lack a strong base on the back benches. The suggestion is that he would cause Mr Major little difficulty if he were dismissed from the Cabinet.

Loyalist MPs are saying that Mr Major has again weathered a leadership storm and is now better placed to stamp his mark on the Cabinet. They add that if Mr Redwood becomes entangled in renewed controversy he will be a certain candidtate for the axe.

The names of Jonathan Aitken, Stephen Dorrell and Sir George Young are being touted as the most likely new entrants to the Cabinet. Thatcherite right-wingers such as Michael Forsyth and Neil Hamilton are said to stand little chance of advancement.

Mr Aitken, the Defence Procurement Minister, is on the right of the party; the other two are on the left. Mr Major will be sensitive to the left/right balance in his Cabinet in any future shake-up, but it is being suggested by his friends that his strengthening position gives him greater freedom to send a clear message to the right, the faction that has caused him most difficulty since the 1992 election.

The other Cabinet "bastards" — Peter Lilley and Michael Portillo — are expected to keep Cabinet rank. Mr Lilley will probably be asked to stay on as Social Security Secretary and Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is understood to want Mr Portillo to stay as Chief Secretary to the Treasury. However, Mr Major is toying with the idea of moving Mr Portillo to a spending department — probably transport.

Putting Whitehall move back on road

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A TEN-point checklist is unveiled today in an attempt to prevent millions of pounds being wasted in moving thousands of civil servants out of London.

Failures in relocating one government department have provoked a renewed effort to ensure that taxpayers' money is not lost on a government programme planned to reduce dramatically Whitehall running costs.

The National Audit Office criticised a series of errors in moving the Patent Office, part of the Trade and Industry Department, to south Wales. Although the move, first planned in 1988, is expected to reap annual accommodation savings of £3.1 million when the relocation is completed, that is £2 million less than originally envisaged.

The independent report points to a number of unexpected delays and unquantified expenses incurred in creating 500 jobs in Newport, Gwent. The shortage of information about the full costings of the move is also criticised by the report, which calls for the full objectives of the relocation to be defined clearly at the outset.

While customers of the Patent Office considered the move well managed, there was a four-month delay in moving, which added an extra £465,000 to the planned costs. However, the £2.9 million annual savings on staffing are nearly twice as much as planned, and staff turnover has been significantly reduced.

The audit office report calls for managers looking at relocation to ensure that there are a number of options for new sites and that the building project team is expert in overseeing new projects. It also demands that Civil Service departments should assess the likely maintenance costs over the life of the new offices and should take prompt and firm action against contractors or consultants who perform poorly.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: Scottish Office. Sunday Trading Bill, remaining stages.
Lords (2.30): Debate on UN year of the family.

Militant Afrikaners 'are ready to seize homeland'



Viljoen: use of force not appropriate at present

FROM RICHARD OWEN AND MICHAEL HAMLYN IN PRETORIA

■ Violence by South Africa's right-wing whites has been limited so far, their leader says. If denied a homeland, they can use Boer War tactics and rely on the support of white army veterans

GENERAL Constand Viljoen, leader of the right-wing Afrikaner Volksfront, yesterday gave a warning that if Afrikaners did not get a *volkstaat* (Afrikaner homeland) by negotiation they would take it by force of arms. For the first time he gave an indication of how a *volkstaat* would be seized and defended.

General Viljoen said the use of force was not appropriate at present, because "we might damage the cause we have built up". But he insisted that there were Afrikaners armed and available to seize territory, just as the Boers had fought the British at the turn of the century. "They are ready to do that at any time," he said. "We disengage the handbrake, and they go."

The white-haired general, who is a former chief of the South African Defence Force, declared in an interview in his office in a leafy suburb of the capital: "We will eventually get one (a *volkstaat*), there is no doubt. But I believe the sensible way of going about it is by negotiation. You can go the violent way, but you still have to settle with the new South Africa. You have to have relations with the rulers of South Africa."

If it came to war, said the general, a veteran commander of troops in the Angola war, the territory of the homeland would be defended by what he called "elastic defence", relying on firepower and mobility. He insisted that armed and trained Afrikaners would be more than able to hold off the black troops who make up more than 60 per cent of the South African Army.

"The real soldiers in the SADF are not the black soldiers," he said. "The only war-hardened veterans are our people. Though they belong to the defence force, provided we are reasonable in our approach these people will not easily turn against us."

The Volksfront leader claimed he was not a politician and had no long-term political ambitions. Like the Roman, Cincinnatus, he would return to his farm after his aims were achieved. He also made it clear that he was in favour of the right taking part in April's general election, provided he got sufficient guarantees that a *volkstaat* would be granted. Right-wing votes would be a measure of support for the *volkstaat* concept. "If we are cheated after the election," he went on, "there will be war." At the same time, he maintained that the risk of violence was being used against the Volksfront.

"The danger of violence is being used to force us to accept an unacceptable constitution". It was the "Communist ANC", not the right, which lay behind much of the violence. Recent acts of sabotage, such as the blowing up of electricity pylons, were "a sheer sign of the impatience of the Afrikaner people".

He claimed that he and other generals leading the Volksfront, an umbrella organisation which includes both the far-right Conservative Party and the uniformed neo-Nazis of the Afrikaner Resistance Movement, have so far been able to keep violent elements under control. "I claim that up to now we have behaved ourselves," he said. But he added: "I would only be able to control it if we have absolute clarity on the *volkstaat*."

General Viljoen admitted that there was no part of South Africa in which whites were a majority. He declined to say where the *volkstaat* would be, but said the Volksfront had identified several areas in which the white-black balance was "50-50". He insisted that an Afrikaner state would be viable, provided 25 years were allowed as a "cooling-off period" in which Afrikaners elsewhere could migrate to the new homeland and so build a majority.

In the meantime, blacks living in the white state would be subject to a restricted franchise. They would be able to vote on matters that affected South Africa nationally, but not on regional matters, and especially not on constitutional questions. Unlike some of his followers, however, he envisaged the *volkstaat* as part of a federal South Africa, not as an independent country — not least because it would depend on the South African economy.

General Viljoen has an identical twin brother, Braam, a professor, who is as liberal as he is conservative. "He's got more brains than me," the Volksfront leader joked. "I'm more the brute force and ignorance man."

Although he could see a case for participating in the election the Volksfront would not act alone. "The Afrikaner is not operating like that," he said, maintaining that he would remain loyal to the Freedom Alliance in which the Volksfront is linked to the black homeland governments of Bophuthatswana and KwaZulu, which have also rejected the election.

Yemen peace accord fails to end threat of civil war

■ The Yemeni President's decision to include an Islamic party in government has upset the Marxist South. Clashes have revealed the four-year union's fragility

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

THE four-year-old merger between Marxist South and tribal North Yemen was under severe strain yesterday after fighting erupted between their two armies in the wake of a peace pact between the feuding leaders.

The accord on Monday, brokered by King Husain of Jordan, was aimed at ending more than six months of tension that had brought Yemen to the brink of civil war.

Residents in the southern city of Zinjibar said at least ten soldiers had died in the fighting between northern and southern army units there. Yesterday the Foreign Ministry said efforts were under way to end the clashes.

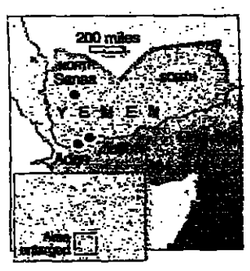
Despite the elaborate peace ceremony in Jordan, diplomats said last night that deep suspicion remained between President Saleh and Vice-President Ali Salem al-Baidh, who had ruled North and South Yemen separately before the merger. Both left Jordan in separate planes.

The crisis erupted after elections last April saw Islah, a fundamentalist Islamic party, emerging as the third biggest group. It was brought into the government despite Socialist protests. Before the polls, the country had been ruled jointly by Mr Saleh's General People's Congress and Mr al-Baidh's Yemen Socialist Party.

Pleading security fears, Mr al-Baidh left Sanaa, the political capital, last July and remained in his southern capital, Aden. He has so far refused to take the oath of office despite reappointment to the post of Vice-President.

The Socialists say more than 150 of their members have been killed since unification, which Mr al-Baidh calls annexation in disguise. "It was like inviting Red Riding Hood to be eaten by the wolf," a diplomat said of Mr Saleh's decision to bring the fundamentalists into government.

The pact signed in Jordan provides for military, economic, administrative and political reforms that Arab leaders hope will encourage a more meaningful relationship in the union. Its fragility was, however, underlined by the outbreak of fighting even before the ink was dry.





Saleh: sparked crisis after April election



Mexican army accused of atrocities

MEXICAN Mayan Indians in the Zapatista National Liberation Army listen as their leader, Sub-Commander Marcos, second left, addresses the media in the cathedral at San Cristóbal de las Casas after the first day of negotiations between the rebel army and the government.

The six hours of talks were conducted by Manuel Camacho Solís, the government's peace commissioner, in an attempt to settle the uprising in the southern state of Chiapas and rebel demands for democratic reforms and recognition of indigenous rights. "The key point is that we are moving from force to politics, from guns to dialogue," said Señor Camacho, who sat surrounded by 18 armed rebels. "There is respect on both parts."

Sub-Commander Marcos said he and the other Zapatista delegates "did not come to ask for pardon. We do not regret fighting for our rights, but it is a good moment for the words of honest men rather than guns to be heard." Bishop Samuel Ruiz of San Cristóbal, who is acting as a mediator, commended the peace effort by both sides.

The talks continued yesterday as the International Commission of Jurists said that Mexican troops had committed serious human rights abuses in trying to put down the peasant uprising in January before a ceasefire came into effect on January 17. "These violations included summary executions of prisoners, some of whom had been wounded before their capture, the arbitrary detention of perhaps more than 200 civilians, torture and other forms of abuse," said a preliminary report by two lawyers sent by the commission to investigate the rebellion. The two lawyers, Alejandro Artucio of Uruguay and Eduard Duhalde of Argentina, feared that people may have been kidnapped by the armed forces before President Salinas de Gortari halted an offensive on January 12. The whereabouts of some 20 people is still unknown, they said.

Between 200 and 300 people had died in the ten days of fighting after the rebels seized several towns in the region on New Year's Day.

The commission said an amnesty law passed by the Mexican parliament exonerated some offences by government agents. *(Reuter)*

Troops to quit Gaza in a fortnight

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, said here yesterday that Israeli forces had been told to make ready for leaving Gaza and Jericho in a fortnight and a final agreement with the Palestinians would be available "in a few weeks".

After talks with Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, Mr Rabin told Spanish radio that he could not give an exact date but he wanted to reach an agreement in a few weeks and not prolong the process too long.

Toledo, the city near Madrid where Christians, Muslims and Jews once lived together, is a possible venue for the signing. Mr Rabin said Palestinian police would be responsible for future security in Gaza and Jericho.

☐ Jerusalem: The Israeli Justice Minister, David Libai, said yesterday that a team of experts would go to Lithuania to ensure that Nazi war criminals did not benefit from a government rehabilitation programme for people wrongfully convicted by Soviet courts. *(Reuter)*

China's population policy nurtures trade in women

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHINESE police have broken up a woman-smuggling ring that transported its victims from one end of the country to the other.

Legal Daily reported this week that the 59-member gang had kidnapped more than 200 women from poor areas of southwest China, hoodwinking them with promises of work, and shipped them to Inner Mongolia. A total of 245 smugglers of women have now been captured in one Inner Mongolian county alone in a trade worth nearly £700 million a year and which often involves rape.

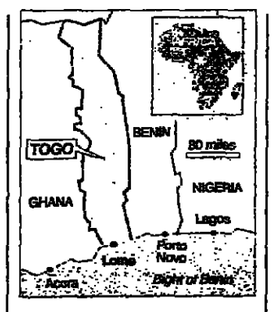
Two years ago, Qiao Shi, a member of China's ruling standing committee of the Politburo, described the trade as "seriously disturbing social order and poisoning the social atmosphere". The main reason for the abductions is an increasing shortage of women. This arises from the national one-child family policy, which has driven many Chinese, eager for their only permitted child to be a boy, to abort female foetuses, murder girl infants or, increasingly, sell daughters to travelling entrepreneurs for resale elsewhere.

The result, according to a 1992 report by the State Planning Commission, is 36 million more males than females in China — a figure estimated to rise to 70 million by the end of the millennium — with 15 times more men between the ages of 25 and 49. Late last year, in Guangxi province, a particularly backward region in the southeast, it was reported that there would be five million bachelors within 15 years.

The problem is likely to get worse throughout China. Family planning officials have just announced that China's population will reach 1.2 billion this year, six years before the date set in Peking's population master plan stipulating that the population will reach 1.5 billion in 2020 but must then be reduced to 700 million within 50 years.

So far the one-child family policy has proved the most disliked and disobeyed in the Communist Party's entire history. The alternative, however, in a country with a low industrial base and 200 million surplus peasants, may be national famine. So the murder, abduction and smuggling of females is likely to continue.

Hong Kong: China has rejected a report by Asia Watch, the human rights group, that claims the persecution of political and religious dissidents in 1993 was the most severe since 1990 (Jonathan Mirsky writes). A Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday that "Asia Watch always holds deep prejudices against China", adding that life for the Chinese had never been better.



Togo disputes poll results

Lomé: Togo's government has challenged election results in five constituencies where acts of sabotage were suspected, after President Eyadema's prolonged rule appeared threatened by a narrow lead for opposition parties.

However, the authorities did not deny the opposition claims to victory in the West African country's first multi-party polls.

The electoral commission said that the opposition had taken a 39-37 seat lead over General Eyadema's party after 77 of the 81 national assembly seats had been decided. *(AFP)*

Poachers prey on Indian rhino

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

POACHERS are threatening the survival of the rare Indian rhino, whose world population is put at only 2,000. Several dozen are killed every year in Kaziranga national park in the northeastern state of Assam, where the greatest number live.

The *rhinoceros unicornis* is distinctive for its single horn, unlike its African relative, which has two. The horn, which is made of compressed hair, is valued in China and South-East Asia as medicine, although analysis has proved it has no medicinal value.

Government officials concede that previous estimates of the rhino population have been exaggerated and that the population is declining. According to recently released official figures, 18 rhinos were killed in Kaziranga in the first three months of last year.

The rate of slaughter is believed to be increasing, but the government has now launched a determined drive to halt the killings. The rhino is easy prey because of its poor eyesight and regular habits. There are several methods of slaughter: shooting, poisoning, electrocution by bringing down overhead power lines, and luring them into pits with bamboo stakes at the bottom.

Poachers also spread pesticides on natural salt deposits on rocks and in riverbeds, which rhinos lick to compensate for low salt levels in their diet. This has resulted in the death of large numbers of animals other than rhinos.

Rhinos that fall into pits rarely die outright but the horn is nevertheless hacked out with a machete. The pit is an easy form of killing because rhinos are so predictable, returning repeatedly to the same grazing grounds and dung heaps. The rhino survives only in six reserves in Assam and the neighbouring state of West Bengal, and two reserves in Nepal. Many rhinos stray outside reserves.

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Man in the news: chairborne admiral brings welcome diplomatic skill to London

Grateful President rewards Pentagon politician's loyalty

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AFTER President Clinton's November 1992 election, a member of his campaign team was heard to remark: "We don't owe too many people, but we do owe Crowe.

He was referring to Admiral William Crowe, 69, who was Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under President Reagan. Two months earlier Admiral Crowe had rescued the then Arkansas Governor from a ferocious Republican attack on his Vietnam draft avoidance by calling a Little Rock press conference to declare that Mr Clinton's actions of 25 years earlier were irrelevant. America needed new leadership to address its pressing domestic problems, he said, and Mr Clinton was the man to provide it.

Admiral Crowe had hoped to become Secretary of State in the new Administration, but that job went to Warren Christopher, another of the fatherly figures in the young President's life. Then he was offered the CIA directorship and the American embassy in Moscow, but turned them down. Finally Mr Clinton offered him the post of US Ambassador to the Court of St. James. A lifelong Anglophile, he accepted with alacrity.

At a time of unusual strain in the Anglo-US relationship, Admiral Crowe will bring to the job the single most valuable asset that a US ambassador can: the President's ear. He has been chairman of Mr Clinton's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board since the inauguration as well as his unofficial adviser on military matters.

It was Admiral Crowe who mapped out Mr Clinton's strategy for restoring his fraught relations with the Pentagon, he who convinced the President that a US air force general who called him a pot-smoking, gay-loving womaniser had to be sacked, he to whom Mr Clinton turned for advice on selecting Colin Powell's successor as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs.

Admiral Crowe has always been more of a political animal than a warrior. Behind an amiable, rumpled exterior and distinctly unmilitary bearing lies a shrewd intellect free of the conventional military mindset. Indeed, in 47 years in the US Navy his sole sea command was of a small diesel submarine, and his only brush with real action was a ten-month stint in Vietnam. He recently wrote: "I was never a very 'military' individual — one of the reasons people were amazed I made the progress I did in the Navy, none more so than myself."

He was raised in Oklahoma, graduated from the US Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1943, along with Jimmy Carter, and joined the submarine fleet. In 1965 he jeopardised his entire career by refusing to join the prestigious nuclear submarine programme. He instead opted to spend three years studying politics at Princeton, including five months in London researching a thesis on the Royal Navy. Princeton "changed something fundamental inside me", he wrote in his recent autobiography. It taught him to question received wisdom and to think for himself.

In Vietnam, as senior adviser to the South Vietnamese river navy, he found himself caught in a "moral ambiguity. We were killing and being killed in support of a government that did not deserve support, at the behest of our own government which could not figure out how to win".

On his return he helped negotiate the future status of the Micronesian islands, a seemingly dead-end job but one where his diplomatic skills first attracted notice. In 1976 he was appointed commander of the Middle East force which, with five ships, was the navy's smallest command. His signal achievement there was to dissuade the Emir of Bahrain from closing the US naval base.

In 1980 he became Commander of Nato forces in southern Europe, spending much of his time mediating disputes between Greece and Turkey. In 1983 he added the title of Commander-in-Chief of US Naval Forces, Europe, which required regular trips to London from his Naples base. In 1983 he was given the Pacific command, helped ease Ferdinand Marcos out of power in the Philippines, and so impressed President Reagan with a single fluent 90-minute briefing in Hawaii that he was appointed the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1985.

Admiral Crowe served four eventful years in that job. Terrorists hijacked the cruise ship *Achille Lauro* in his second week. American warplanes bombed Libya. US warships were sent to protect shipping in the Gulf from Iranian attacks and one of them, the USS *Vincennes*, mistakenly shot down an Iranian civilian airliner.

He has a well-developed sense of humour and became the first chairman to appear in a soap opera, in this case *Cheers*. He also provoked consternation among Reaganite conservatives by forging a close personal friendship with Sergei Akhromeyev, his Soviet counterpart, who later committed suicide after the failed coup against Mikhail Gorbachev, then the Soviet President.

At their first meeting, nearly two years before the Berlin Wall fell, he took Mr Akhromeyev into the "Tank", the Pentagon's top-security command centre. Officials from that era say he found Casper Weinberger, the ultra-conservative Defence Secretary, exasperating, and was profoundly sceptical of such ideologically driven initiatives as "Star Wars".

His detractors say he "sugarcoated" his objections and would "never stand up and be counted". He insists, however, that he risked his job by telling Mr Reagan after the Reykjavik summit that the idea of eliminating all ballistic missiles was a "huge mistake".

In 1989 he refused President Bush's offer of a third term. He pleaded exhaustion, but he had clashed with Bush aides over defence cuts and was disgusted by their treatment of some Reagan appointees. He became a professor of geopolitics at the University of Oklahoma, joined various corporate boards, and by late 1990 was publicly taking issue with what he described as the Bush Administration's "plan to abandon sanctions against Iraq and rush to military action before laying out any long-term regional objectives".

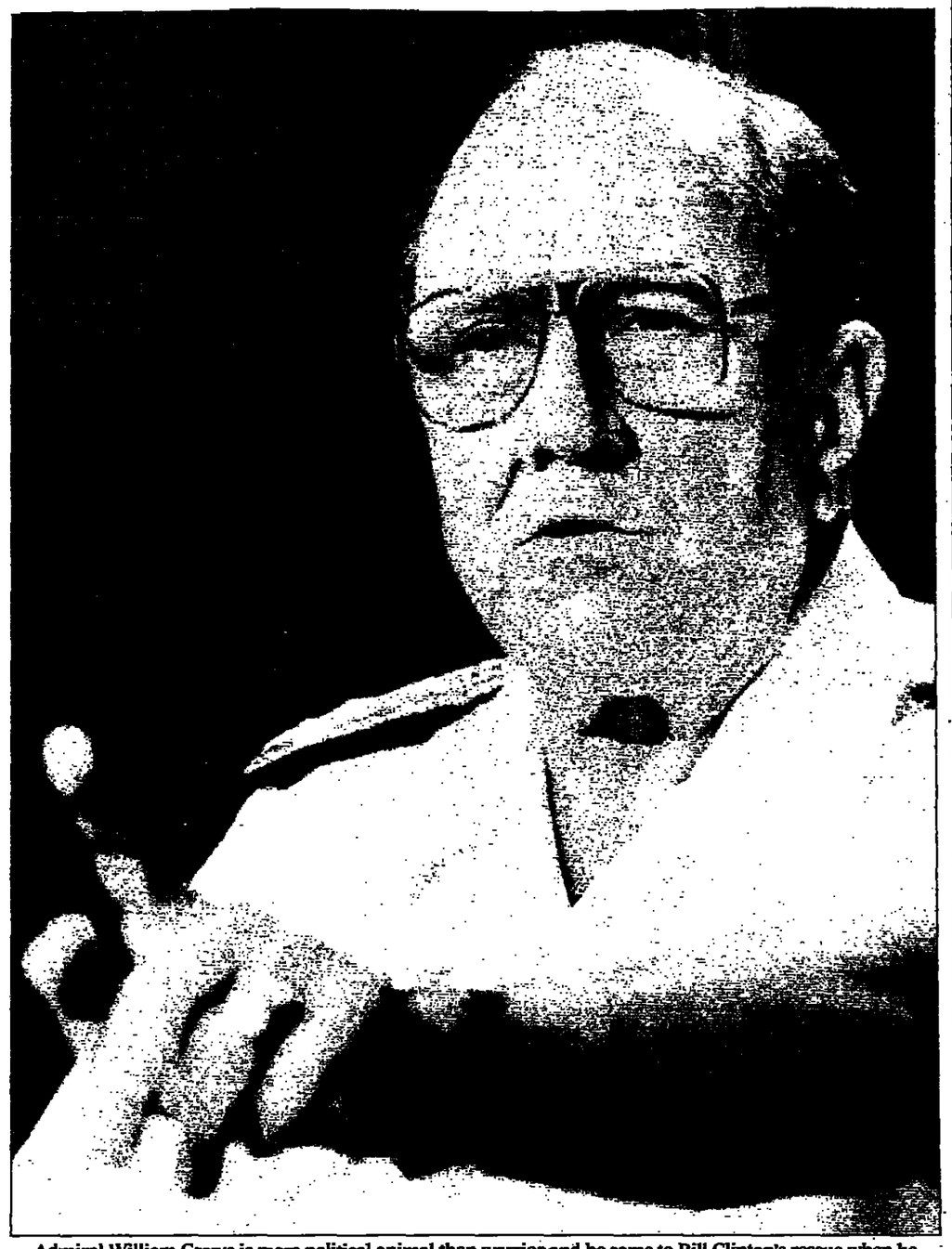
By 1992 Admiral Crowe was "dismayed" at America's lack of industrial policy, its educational failings and racial divisiveness. He deplored the Republicans' effort to divert public attention to "peripheral concerns" like Mr Clinton's draft record and so for the first time in his life became involved in a political campaign. He is now about to reap the dividend.

Admiral Crowe's friends say he is well aware that Ray Seitz, the present Ambassador, will be a hard act to follow, but insist that Britain should be gratified by his appointment and should not regard it as a reward for services rendered. He is, they insist, a heavyweight with a mastery of geopolitics.

Admiral Crowe met his wife, Shirley, in 1953 when she was an American Airlines stewardess. They married on St Valentine's Day in 1954 and have two sons — Blake, who is a US Marines captain, and Brent — and a daughter, Bambi, all now adults.

He has a formidable collection of more than 1,000 hats from around the world. They will not be adorning his Regent's Park residence, however, because he has lent them to an Oklahoma museum. Standing 6ft, he weighs more than 14 stone and is a celebrated joke teller. The punchline of one current favourite welcomes the fact that "Englishmen are self-made men because that relieves God of the responsibility".

Crowe appointed and Spy scandal, page 1



Admiral William Crowe is more political animal than warrior and he came to Bill Clinton's rescue when he was the object of military criticism during his campaign. As an academic, he can question received wisdom



Workman: feeling great

Woman for US carrier

Norfolk, Virginia: Lieutenant Shannon Workman, 26, became the first woman to qualify to fly combat aircraft from US warships. She took her qualifying flight from the Virginia-based carrier *Dwight D. Eisenhower*. "It was a great feeling to finally be done," she said.

From next month the *Eisenhower* will start receiving the first of about 500 women among its 6,000-member crew. It will be the first carrier to integrate women, who for more than 15 years have been allowed to serve only on supply ships. *(AP)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Colony likely to lose civil servants

Hong Kong: The British colony of Hong Kong could lose more than a third of its senior civil servants when it is handed over to China in 1997, according to a survey published here yesterday.

In a poll of 1,000 senior civil servants by Hong Kong's City Polytechnic, 35 per cent said they were unwilling to stay beyond 1997. A similar number planned to remain and the rest were undecided.

The survey said the majority of civil servants were worried about Peking meddling in the colony's affairs, despite China's pledge to accord a post-1997 Hong Kong a high degree of autonomy. More than 75 per cent of senior civil servants said they hold foreign passports, which would exclude them from top jobs after 1997. *(Reuter)*

Refugee review

Islamabad: Pakistan said it was reviewing freedom of movement for 1.6 million Afghan refugees a day after army commandos killed three Afghan gunmen holding five Pakistani schoolboys and a teacher hostage in the Afghan embassy here. *(Reuter)*

Vote of thanks

Harare: Sadako Ogata, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, thanked southern African nations that gave refuge to 1.7 million people during the 16-year Mozambique civil war. She was speaking in Zimbabwe at the start of a tour of the war zone. *(AP)*

Minister killed

Kigali, Rwanda: Gunmen shot dead Félicien Gatabazi, the Public Works Minister, as he returned from a Cabinet meeting. A vengeful mob later killed the leader of the hardline Hutu party, raising fears of a fresh wave of tribal killings. *(Reuter)*

Officers jailed

Lima: Peru's top military court sentenced nine army officers to up to 20 years in prison for their part in the 1992 murders of nine students and a university professor who were suspected of being involved in guerrilla activities. *(Reuter)*

File stays shut

Washington: The Supreme Court rejected a reporter's request, under the Freedom of Information Act, to see FBI files on the 1975 disappearance of the Teamsters' Union leader, Jimmy Hoffa. The FBI contended that its investigations were continuing. *(AP)*

House arrest

Harare: Zimbabwe will soon introduce an "open prison" system to try to reduce overcrowding. Under the scheme, prisoners will stay at home and report daily for work at jails. The prison population is 21,000. *(Reuter)*

Theatre blaze

Phnom Penh: Fire destroyed the Tonle Bassac theatre, one of the Cambodian capital's landmarks, and ten workers involved in its restoration were arrested. "It is like a family that has lost a son," a minister said. *(Reuter)*

Record loss

Calcutta: A High Court ordered the seizure of all copies of the 1994 *Guinness Book of Records* sold in India because they fail to credit an Indian couple with being the first to drive across six continents. Saloo and Neena Chaudhury set the record in 1989. *(AP)*

Anti-abortion gunman denied insanity plea

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

AN anti-abortion activist charged with murdering a Florida doctor cannot claim insanity, a judge ruled on the opening day of a trial which has rekindled the violent battle over abortion in the United States.

Defence lawyers had planned to argue that Michael Griffin, a 32-year-old former chemical plant worker, was unable to distinguish right from wrong when he shot Dr David Gunn, who specialised in abortion, on March 10 last year because prolonged exposure to anti-abortion videos, sermons and literature had rendered him temporarily insane.

Circuit Judge John Parnham, however, ruled out an insanity defence because Mr Griffin, a fundamentalist Christian and father of two, has refused to submit to an examination by a state psychiatrist.

The judge also approved an agreement under which the state would not seek the death penalty if the defence allowed the use of potentially damaging testimony from a prison guard who overheard a conversation between Mr Griffin and his wife. Dr Gunn's family is known to be opposed to the death penalty.

Security around the Pensacola court has been increased and sharpshooters stationed on the roof because of fears of violent clashes between pro-abortion activists and Mr Griffin's supporters, some of whom claim the killing was an act of "justifiable homicide". Dr Gunn, 47, was shot three times in the back when he arrived for work at the Pensacola Women's Medical Services Clinic while an anti-abortion demonstration was in progress.

"This trial is not an opportunity for a demonstration," Judge Parnham said, after ruling that badges, placards and other items indicating views on the issue of abortion would not be permitted inside the court. Dr Gunn's son, David Gunn Jnr, said that Mr Griffin "should serve as an example for those who think they want to pick up a gun and take what they call God's law into their own hands."

Pro-abortion activists say that the killing of Dr Gunn is just the most horrific in a series of attacks against doctors involved in abortion. In the wake of the shooting, several left the profession, others began wearing bullet-proof vests and the Florida state court created a "no-protest buffer zone" around abortion clinics — a ruling that has been taken to the US Supreme Court on appeal by anti-abortion organisations.

The defence is now expected to argue that the killing of Dr Gunn was a crime of passion resulting from an obsessive personal crusade against abortion.



Griffin: refused to let Florida psychiatrist examine him

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Volunteers get on board for science

Moscow: Eight women have agreed to spend four months lying on a board in an experiment to help prepare for the launch of the first female cosmonaut on a long-term flight, the *Krasnaya Zvezda* reported yesterday.

The newspaper said a lengthy search was conducted to find the volunteers, who will lie with their heads lower than their feet for 120 days. The women will not be allowed to move except for leg exercises on stationary bicycles and treadmills.

The experiment is designed to simulate weightlessness and will examine how women react to long periods of near immobility. Although women have flown in space on numerous occasions, none has stayed in space for a long period. *(AP)*

TV's battle on ice likely to set another Olympic record

BY BEN MACINTYRE

IN AMERICA alone an estimated 33 million televisions will be turned on when Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan take to the ice tonight for the first round in the women's Olympic figure skating championship.

With commentators exploring every angle of the long-awaited competition, CBS television predicted the event would set a new ratings record for an Olympic event. The original cause of the controversy — Harding's alleged involvement in the plot to disable Kerrigan — has faded into the background amid the sort of hype usually reserved for all-star wrestling. Although the two American rivals have studiously ignored each other during training sessions, observers say that relations between them could not be more frosty.

"Nancy's not doing well," one official said, hinting that the 24-year-old skater was gearing up for a post-Olympic barrage against her rival. "She's not happy about Tonya being here. A lot is going to come out after the competition."

Paul Wylie, a friend of Kerrigan, said: "Nancy needs to put together a solid long programme in practice for her own psyche." But the tension is equally spread. At the weekend Harding, 23, walked out of an interview after being asked about possible bias against her by some judges. "I'm not going to answer that," she seethed. "Okay. I'm done. I'm done with this."

Some 13 per cent of Americans are also done with the Harding-Kerrigan farrago, a *Newsday* poll yesterday showed. The rest are glued: 57 per cent said they wanted Kerrigan to win while 30 per cent support Harding.

Experts made much of the skaters' positions in the line-up for tonight's short technical programme: Harding will skate eighth while Kerrigan is 26th out of 27 competitors. Skating aficionados concluded that Kerrigan's later start, with the audience warmed up, would work to her advantage.

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Sally Becker outflanks UN to fly out Croat casualties



Becker: "if I don't get them out they will never make it"

A BRITISH United Nations plan to evacuate sick and injured Croats from Nova Bila hospital, in the Vitez enclave, deteriorated into an acrimonious farce yesterday after Sally Becker, the controversial British aid entrepreneur known particularly for such work in Mostar, took most of the casualties out to Split the night before in a Croatian military helicopter.

When the UN operation eventually went ahead it only managed to evacuate 13 of the 35 sick and injured and their dependants.

The original plan, first researched by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees more than a month ago, intended to evacuate a total of 88 Muslim and Croat casualties to Sarajevo and Visoko, from where they would be flown to Split, and then on to third countries for treatment. However, UN bureaucracy and the negotiation of safe passage across front lines delayed the operation, against a background of increasing UN paranoia as news of Ms Becker's imminent arrival spread.

"It would be a great shame for Becker to grab the limelight," the UN operations staff order said four days ago, with an eye to their own publicity. "She will receive no aid from the UNHCR or Unprofor [UN Protection Force]. She has flagrantly ignored UN guidelines, she will not follow her plan through, and these people may come off worse eventually, once her blaze of publicity has gone," added a British officer. Ms Becker, no stranger to criticism, retorted: "If I don't take them out, these people will never make it on to the UN evacuation lists."

UN paranoia mounted after Sally Becker, the British aid entrepreneur, stole a march by commandeering a Croat helicopter to ferry out the sick, ***Anthony Loyd*** *writes from Vitez*



Her use of the Croat Hip helicopter, which ferries ammunition and military advisers several times a week from Split to the beleaguered HVO, the Croat militia, in Vitez, as a means of entering the enclave three days ago and then leaving with 43 civilians, among them the most seriously injured, drew vituperative attacks from the UN. "She has broken the deny-flight resolution, and put the evacuees at risk," said an indignant officer.

In reality the Hip's night flights are relatively safe, as its landing strip is in a quarry hidden from view and far from the range of the Muslims' few anti-aircraft guns. To the desperate people in the hospital, some of whom had been waiting for evacuation for three months, it doubtless seemed a worthy risk compared to the fitful nature of so many UN operations, however well intended.

More contentious will be the problems she may have created for the evacuees in the countries that had agreed to take them, a deal already arranged by the UNHCR, but one that now appears threatened by her independent action. However, self-aggrandisement and mismanagement seem traits applicable to both groups. If the UN operation was so imminent, it came as news to doctors at Nova Bila, who claimed that they had no such warning of the UN's plans until the arrival of Ms Becker.

Sergeant Paul Murray, commander of the UN ambulance convoy, showed an impressive Guardsman-like lack of emotion when he arrived to see a row of empty hospital beds. Subsequent events, however, were to try him as he attempted to work out how many of his original charges remained.

"One woman is somewhere in Novi Travnik. A sick man has gone off for a walk with his wife: we don't know where he is either. Right now I'm not sure how many there are to take out," he said, turning hopefully to a UNHCR doctor, who shrugged blankly. Eventually 13 people were rounded up, of whom five were dependants. They walked into the row of ambulances through the free fog, clutching plastic bags fu clothes and belongings, a lint patch on one man being the visible indication of injury.

After onlookers helped to p the lead vehicle out of the ic which it had become mired, convoy departed. "Now it's d to God and the weather," obse Sergeant Murray, weighing up weeks of his work that had b pre-empted by bureaucr sluggardliness and the wor from Hove in the helicopter.

☐ **Zagreb:** The UN resumed operations in Bosnia after N dropped its threat of immediate raids. Convoys left for Mos Jablanica, Zenica and Tuzla, central and southern Bosnia, fr neighbouring Croatia, while m than 100 trucks would set off fr Serbia today. The aid airlift Sarajevo was also resun yesterday. *(Reuter)*

Kremlin takes independent role with warning on extending Sarajevo solution

Triumphant Yeltsin calls for summit on Bosnia

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW
ROGER BOYES IN BERLIN
AND DESSA TREVISAN IN ZAGREB

MOVING swiftly to consolidate his diplomatic triumph in persuading the Bosnian Serbs to stop bombing Sarajevo, President Yeltsin yesterday called for a five-party summit, involving Russia, the United States, Britain, France and Germany, to discuss a full peace settlement.

Anatoli Adamishin, the First Deputy Foreign Minister, told Interfax news agency that Mr Yeltsin had "a series of proposals" to put to world leaders, including the creation of other Sarajevo-style cease-fire zones and international policing of the region.

He made clear that Russia intends to pursue a leading and independent role in Bosnia, unbeholden to the Western alliance. "Our interests cannot disappear. One way or the other the West will have to take them into account," he said, adding that Russia's approach in the past week had "brought the best result".

In Bonn, Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, last night backed Mr Yeltsin's proposal, which dominated much of the discussion at yesterday's Balkan conference of senior diplomats in the city.

Sources close to Herr Kohl said he had telephoned Mr Yeltsin on Monday night to agree that an international summit should be convened as soon as possible to capitalise on the apparent Western and Russian success in pushing back the Serb guns around Sarajevo. In Washington yesterday John Shalikashvili, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, welcomed progress on the handing over of heavy arms around Sarajevo.

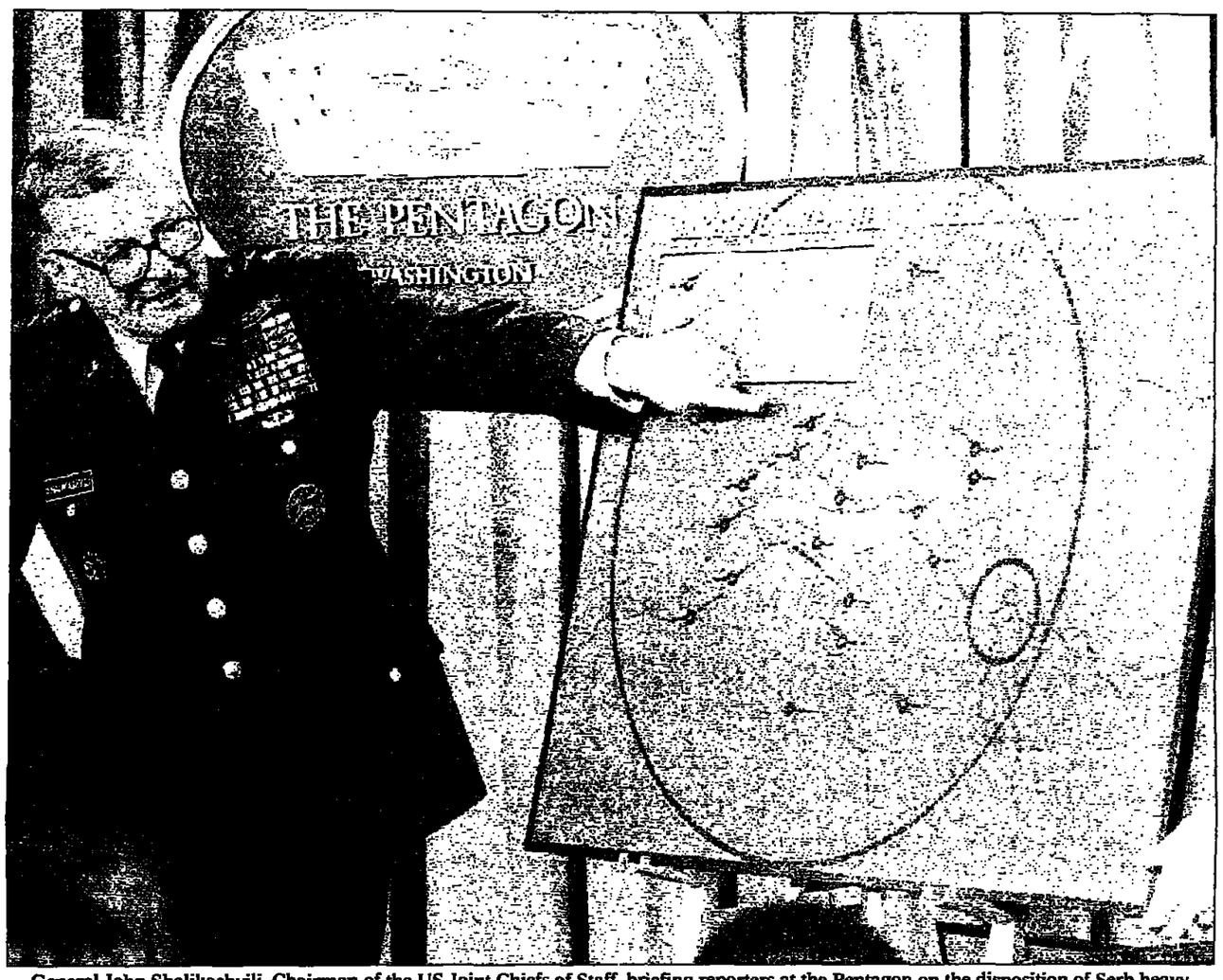
At the Bonn talks, France, Spain, The Netherlands and Belgium yesterday urged that more pressure be put on the Serbs to relieve the sieges of Tuzla, Bihac, Srebrenica and Gorazde. But Vitali Churkin, Russia's envoy in the Balkans, said: "I would be very careful about this. Sarajevo is a very special case ... You cannot simply transplant this model."

Any five-power summit would thus need to address the fact that the system of great power patronage, the basis of the current peace effort, is beginning to crack. European Union members and Russia want the United States to press the Bosnian Muslims to make territorial concessions and agree to a lasting settlement. The US and EU states want Russia to press Serbia, and Germany is expected to apply leverage on Croatia.

Yet neither Russia nor the US is keen to surrender the interests of the Serbs and the Bosnian Muslims respectively. In particular, Charles Redman, the US Balkan envoy, seemed in Bonn to share the Bosnian Muslims' anxiety that putting Sarajevo under United Nations control would freeze Serb gains and lead quickly to the partition of the city.

On another front, with Washington continuing its pressure for an agreement between the Croats and the Muslims, the commanders of the two sides are to meet in Zagreb, the Croatian capital, today to sign a ceasefire. Last night it emerged that the UN has asked Nato jets to buzz rebel Serbs who have sealed off a UN military peacekeeping post on the Croatian-Bosnian border.

☐ **London:** John Major yesterday called for tough UN action to raise the siege of four Bosnian towns under fire from Serb and Croat forces. He said Mostar, Maglaj and Vitez were in need of "desperate assistance", and his officials later added Bihac. The Prime Minister also said he wanted the Canadian troops in Srebrenica to be relieved by the end of the month.



General John Shalikashvili, Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, briefing reporters at the Pentagon on the disposition of Serb heavy weapons around Sarajevo. The general said Serb forces had placed about 250 heavy weapons under the control of the United Nations



French general refuses Rose request for Tuzla air strike

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

LIEUTENANT General Sir Michael Rose, the British commander of the United Nations force in Bosnia, requested a Nato air strike on a mortar position that attacked UN troops south of Tuzla yesterday, but was turned down by his French superior.

General Rose made the request after a contingent of Swedish UN troops, accompanying an aid convoy in three armoured personnel carriers, came under mortar fire about 23 miles south of Tuzla. Five peacekeepers were lightly injured and British Sea Harrier planes were put on alert. General Jean Cot, the French commander of all UN forces in the former Yugoslavia, was airborne when the request was made and Yasushi Akashi, the top civilian UN official in the Balkans, advised General Rose to wait until he landed.

When General Cot's plane arrived, he advised against the strike on the ground that the mortar position had not been clearly identified, even though the convoy that came under attack did include a Tactical Air Control Party equipped to locate targets for incoming aircraft.

"The request was turned down at the military level," said a senior UN official in New York. "It never reached the political level."

General Rose's request is the closest the UN had come to mounting an air strike, something the organisation has always resisted, showing that the British commander is ready to pursue a more robust policy than his predecessors.

NEWS IN BRIEF

EU presse Greece to lift trade embargo

Brussels: Jacques Delo president of the Europe Commission, yesterday wr to Andreas Papandreou a ing the Greek prime minis to take urgent steps to end t trade embargo against t former Yugoslav republic Macedonia.

In a move that intensifi diplomatic pressure on t Greek government, the Cor mission said that M Delo had expressed to M Papandreou his serious co cerns about the legality of th embargo. The Commissic said the Greek move cha lenged the very principle of th European Union's custom union and common trade pol cy, as well as the functionin of the bloc's single market.

In a phrase which coul serve as an official warning o the way to a possible cour challenge against the Greek: the Commission asked M Papandreou to notify it o Athens's views promptly an to say how the Greek authori ties planned to remedy th situation. Greece rejected ear lier calls to lift the embargo imposed in a row over the name, flag and constitution o its neighbour. *(Reuter)*

Reactor shut

Moscow: One of four Chernobyl-type reactors at the Sosnovy Bor nuclear power plant near Saint Petersburg was shut down after a breakdown in its cooling system. A second reactor on the site is also out of commission for repairs. *(AFP)*

Lawyer fails

Freetown: A defence lawyer for four British citizens accused of plotting to overthrow Sierra Leone's military government failed to have the case dismissed. The four, of Vietnamese and Chinese origin, face execution if they are found guilty. *(Reuter)*

Paris promise

Paris: Jean Puech, French Agriculture Minister, has backed horse butchers against the former film star and animal lover Brigitte Bardot, who is campaigning for a ban on horse meat. M Puech wrote to the butchers promising his support in a "media campaign" against them. *(AFP)*

Leaders freed

Paris: Two leaders of Algeria's outlawed Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), Ali Djeddi and Abdelkader Boukhamkham, who were jailed in July 1992 by a military court, were freed in a gesture apparently aimed at appeasing militant Muslims. *(Reuter)*

Cholera alert

São Paulo: A state of emergency has been declared in Fortaleza, a Brazilian holiday resort popular with foreign tourists, to tackle an outbreak of cholera and acute diarrhoea that has killed eight and affected 9,000 people during recent weeks. *(Reuter)*

Uffizi reopens

Florence: The Michelangelo room of the Uffizi art gallery, damaged last May by a car bomb that killed five people and damaged 32 works of art, has been reopened. The remaining 15 rooms in the damaged west wing will also reopen this year. *(Reuter)*

Coffee broke

Rome: Italy's civil servants, famous for frequent visits to the nearest coffee bar, will pay a stiff price after Subino Cassese, the Civil Service Minister, announced that their salaries would be docked each time they left their desks. *(Reuter)*

Rome hospital suspected of trafficking in corneas

FROM PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME

ITALIAN magistrates investigating alleged illegal trafficking in corneas at a Rome hospital have discovered that a number of patients who died had their eyes removed and replaced by glass.

Stefano Meschini, the judge handling the investigation, ordered the exhumation of four former patients of San Camillo Hospital after employees revealed the alleged trafficking, and the corpses' eyes were found to have been replaced by blue glass orbs. Hospital records do not indicate that such operations were performed. Dr Giancarlo Falcinelli, the head of the opthalmology department, Gregorio Barogi, his assistant, and Giovanni Mascioli, the head of the hospital morgue, are among the officials under investigation.

Investigators said the operations appeared to have been skilfully executed. They believed the entire eye may have been removed to save time and to avoid detection. Doctors say a transplant cornea can cost more than £800 and many are being imported to Italy from eastern Europe, where lax medical standards increase the risk of infection.

In Turin, magistrates arrested two former priests for allegedly charging exorbitant fees for funeral purposes at the city's main cemetery and demanding kick-backs from undertakers. Brothers Giuseppe and Rosario Ormando were arrested late on Monday as part of an investigation into the looting of corpses in Turin. Twenty-one gravediggers were arrested last November on suspicion of stealing jewellery and gold teeth from bodies during routine exhumations made necessary by the shortage of space in the cemetery.

Investigators said the two former cemetery chaplains owned valuable properties throughout Italy, including a restored 17th century monastery, and more than £400,000 in government bonds. They alleged they charged a kick-back of just under £1 per funeral from the city's 50 funeral parlours as well as asking for money from the relatives of the deceased.

"We have about 11,000 deaths every year in Turin. It adds up to a lot of money," one police official said. "We don't know exactly how much money they made yet; we're still trying to track it all down. This scam has been going on for years and has given them enough money to buy houses and villas all over the place."

Turin: Giovanni Goria, the former Prime Minister, yesterday became the first leading politician to be tried on charges resulting from Italy's corruption investigations. Signor Goria, who was absent from the court because of illness, denies that he agreed to a seven billion lire (£2.7 million) bribe to be paid by firms given a contract to build a hospital in his home town of Asti in the country's northwest. Work on the hospital was halted by the scandal. *(Reuter)*

Russian drinkers toast lower taxes on alcohol

Vodka factory back in business

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S largest vodka factory, Krystall, began work again yesterday after the government stepped in to ease a crippling tax burden which, combined with plummeting sales, had forced it to send 700 of its 1,200 workers on unpaid leave for two weeks and threatened it with mass redundancies.

A government decree has reduced excise tax from 90 to 85 per cent and promises a further, more substantial drop. This follows the announcement by the Moscow factory, which produces Stolichnaya and Moskovskaya, Russia's best-known brands, that the hike in tax on home-produced vodka just before the bibulous New Year holiday had left Krystall's wares uncompetitive against foreign brands and created a payments crisis.

The move shocked Russians who, however indifferent to the vagaries of economic management, realised that something had gone very wrong when it was not possible to support production of the one domestic commodity that is guaranteed a stable market in a country where the "little water" is the stuff of solace, celebration, and medicinal cure.

The Krystall factory, a century old, was built to produce the first commercial vodka after Dmitri Mendeleyev, who framed the periodic law in chemistry, standardised the ingredients and distilling techniques which had been informally practised in Russia since the mid-15th century. Vladimir Petrachkov, the director, said: "We have never stopped production in peacetime before, and this recent disaster should be taken as an omen by those in high places that they are neglecting Russia's interests."

Mr Petrachkov, a former policeman, has swept to sudden fame as a promoter of domestic industry. He embarrassed the government of Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, who defends his cautious approach to reform by claiming that he is protecting Russian production, accusing him of "driving honest drinkers into the arms of foreign producers".



Tsar Nicholas: tried to limit vodka drinking

President Yeltsin who is not averse to the occasional "twenty-five drops", as vodka-lovers call a small tot, has not repeated the mistake of rulers, including Tsar Nicholas, who declared prohibition during the First World War, trying to control consumption by adminstrative means. These days there are precious few controls of any sort. Street kiosks offer home-brewed and often toxic mixtures alongside cheap imported vodka which has been smuggled into Russia to avoid customs duty.

While the health ministry is trying, without notable success, to promote a "modest drinking" campaign, the overwhelming view of copious consumption as a *sine qua non* of Russian life lives on. Aleksandr Golov, a sociologist renowned for treatises on the place of alcohol in Russian culture and a critic of high taxation policies, summarised the reasons behind Russians' love of the bottle: "Intoxication is for a Russian a journey into the past, back to one's own mythological consciousness. This is a desire which is born into the Russian soul."

Faced with such a reproach, even this most revenue-hungry government is likely to sober up, bow to the inevitable and treat its vodka producers better in future.

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The trial that is about to make France relive its darkest hours

Henchman of the Gestapo

After almost half a century on the run, Paul Touvier will face trial next month for organising the execution of prisoners in France for his Nazi masters. Patrick Marnham reports

At 5.30 on the morning of June 28, 1944, in the Rue Solferno in Paris, a group of armed men forced their way past the guards into the house of the Minister of Information and Propaganda in the Vichy government, broke open his bedroom door, and shot him dead.

Philippe Henriot was the most prominent of Vichy ministers, a journalist, a devout Catholic, and a brilliant polemicist who broadcast to the nation every day. His killers were members of the Resistance. The Normandy landings had taken place three weeks earlier and Resistance broadsheets promptly hailed the assassination of Henriot as the beginning of *l'épuration* (the purge), the great bloodletting that would follow the liberation of France. In response, the Gestapo ordered reprisal killings in Lyon, Grenoble, Mâcon, Toulouse and Clermont-Ferrand. As so often during the Occupation, many of the killings were carried out not by Germans but by Frenchmen, members of the pro-Nazi militia or Milice.

In Lyon the reprisal operation was directed by Paul Touvier, aged 28 but already head of the Milice's regional information branch, or Deuxième Service, set up in the Rue Ste Hélène in the centre of the city. Touvier, who was also in charge of the organisation's prison in the nearby Impasse Catelin, was ordered by the local SS commander to execute 30 prisoners, an unusually high number even for the Milice. Touvier, who was well aware that the Americans were at the gates of Cherbourg and the British and Canadians were approaching Caen, managed to negotiate the number of reprisals down to seven. He made his selection from the prison register not by drawing lots but by choosing, from an assortment of Resisters, fugitives and Jews, six Jews and one man of unknown identity. His victims (they included a lawyer, a toymaker, a leather worker, and a house decorator) were taken from their cell at dawn on the morning of June 29 and shot beneath the cemetery wall in the northern suburb of Rillieux-la-Pape. Touvier, who frequently avoided witnessing violence, did not attend.

Just before the liberation of Lyon, Touvier went into hiding. In 1946 and 1947, in his absence, he was twice sentenced to death by French courts for treason "and assisting the enemy". He nonetheless succeeded in remaining in hiding for 26 years, until 1971, when he was pardoned by President Pompidou. This act of clemency provoked outrage among Resistance and Jewish organisations who mounted a campaign to ensure that Touvier be charged again, this time with "crimes against humanity". In June, 1972, a crowd of demonstrators, led by the Nazi-hunter Beate Klarsfeld, broke down the gates of his family home in Chambéry, and a few days later the house was looted and burnt. After death threats against his children, the prefect of Chambéry advised Touvier to leave town. With his wife and children, he again went into hiding and spent the next 17 years on the run. He was arrested at dawn on May 24, 1989, still in the company of his family, in the Old Town of Nice. The Touviers had been taking shelter for several days in the priory of St Francois, a Tridentine Catholic community that was associated with the rebellious Archbishop Lefèbvre. The Rev Charles Moulin, the abbot, said later: "I merely did what was my duty as a Catholic."

> France has admitted its role in deporting 76,000 Jews

Touvier, now aged 78, will face trial next month before the assize court at Versailles accused of organising the murder of the seven prisoners 50 years ago. It will be the first such trial in France since the conviction of the Gestapo commander Klaus Barbie in 1987, and the first time a French court has tried a Frenchman for crimes against humanity.

The Milice was an independent group led by French Nazis, which could act on its own initiative or in co-operation with the French or German police. When working with the SS, it co-operated very closely with Barbie's Section 4.

The task of Section 4 was anti-Resistance operations and the search for Jews. The methods used were based on routine police work, the collection of information from all sources, denunciations, phone tapping, use of paid informers, interrogations, tailing, round-ups, random searches and arrests. But there were also paramilitary operations sometimes supported by the German army, the taking of hostages, collective punishments, the destruction and theft of property, blackmail, tortures, rapes, executions and deportations. In Lyon, during his 11 months as head of the Deuxième Service of the Milice, Touvier was a much feared and hated figure.

Nobody knows how many people died in *l'épuration*. Estimates for France vary between ten and thirty thousand. It seems likely that most of the militiamen of Touvier's prominence were butchered immediately or executed following the post-war series of criminal trials, the last of which took place in 1949.

In Lyon the summary executions continued throughout the winter of 1944. On September 15 alone, seven bodies were fished out of the Rhône, including that of a woman aged about 30, with multiple head wounds, whose feet had been tied to a car bumper. At Valence, 20 armed men broke into the town jail, pulled out six militiamen who had been tried but spared the death sentence, shot them and left their bodies in the square. Touvier managed to avoid a violent death only by hiding in the house of a friend, the Abbé Vautherin, a priest from Lyon who had appointed himself the unofficial chaplain of the Milice.

Father Vautherin was eventually arrested but by then Touvier had moved on to a nearby Catholic community, the Prado, and from there he was passed from monastery to presbytery to convent for more than 40 years.

Touvier came from a poor background, the son of François Touvier, a tax collector in Chambéry. The Touviers were anti-Semitic, anti-Republican and were taught that the children of Israel had been responsible for the death of Christ.

At the age of 12 he was sent as a boarder to the Prado seminary in Lyon, where he made no effort to work, was generally at the bottom of the class, and frequently ran away. Six months after his mother died he left school at the age of 15 and became an apprentice photographer. In 1939 on the outbreak of war he was mobilised and sent to the front.

In May 1940 his unit was bombed and almost wiped out. Touvier survived but suffered shell shock and wandered for days before being arrested as a suspected deserter. He was cleared of this charge and sent home to Chambéry, where he joined the Legion des Combattants, an organisation for veterans. France was by now a defeated country led by Marshal Pétain and in Vichy the anti-Semitic policies of Pierre Laval and Xavier Vallat continued unchecked. Bigotry and racism were not peculiar to the Touvier home, they had become the policy of the French state.

In 1941 Touvier joined the SOL, an activist branch of the Legion des Combattants, and, thanks to his considerable administrative ability, he became the local secretary. He was by this time living with a woman whose husband was in jail for pimping and who was herself an experienced prostitute. Another 12 months of Occupation passed, and still nothing is recorded to his secular discredit. Then, in the course of a few days, Touvier's obscure and sordid life became part of his country's tragedy.

Chambéry lies in a part of France that was then under Italian occupation. In December 1942 the SOL in Chambéry, urged on by a Vichy government official, carried out a series of attacks on shops owned by Gaullist sympathisers or anyone suspected of Communist, masonic or Jewish connections. Touvier and the government official were both briefly arrested by the Italians and then released on Vichy government pressure.

He had won his spurs. A month later, in January 1943, Joseph Darnand, one of France's great military heroes of the First World War, announced the formation of a new anti-Communist, anti-terrorist body — the Milice — which would defend Pétain's ideas of "family and the homeland" and combat all those who threatened to betray the rebirth of Christian France. Darnand looked to the SOL for his first recruits. Touvier and several other members of his family were among the first to join.

Whereas the SOL had been an active branch of a French veteran's organisation, Darnand's paramilitary Milice was Nazi in inspiration and was designed to work directly with the German forces. In joining the Milice, the new recruits crossed the line dividing those who thought that France should collaborate for the national good from those who thought that France should throw in its lot with Nazi Germany. There could be no more flagrant form of collaboration; only a small minority of legionnaires got as far as the Milice, whose 30,000 members, in recognising SS General Oberg in Paris as "the supreme head of the police in France", had in effect changed sides. When the militiamen broke down the door of a house, they invariably announced themselves with the shout "*Police allemande*" ("German police").

> Touvier's sordid life is now part of his country's tragedy

In March 1943, Touvier spent three weeks at the Milice training school in Uriage, not far from Grenoble. His ability was recognised and he was appointed head of the Deuxième Service for the Savoy region, rising quickly to become head of the Deuxième Service for Lyon and the Rhône, with additional responsibility for public order. He was active in the Milice for a total of 16 months, 11 of them in the city of Lyon. The crimes for which he was eventually hunted down were all committed in Lyon between December 1943 and August 1944.

After going into hiding under the floorboards of Vautherin's presbytery in Lyon in September 1944, Touvier narrowly escaped arrest in November in Montpellier and was actually arrested in Paris in July 1946 after robbing a bank. But he escaped from custody on the same day and subsequently married his second wife in August 1947. From 1950 to 1971, Touvier and his young family, who were virtually without resources, were secretly supported by Catholic wellwishers and charities. This enabled the children to be educated and remain with their father. The whole family continued to be sheltered in convents and monasteries across France. Touvier was doing such casual work as he could find. Meanwhile, a discreet campaign in favour of a presidential pardon was led by Monsignor Duquaire, private secretary to two Cardinal Archbishops of Lyon.

In recent years the new series of trials for crimes against humanity has shown how difficult it is to purge the offence of its political origins. Serge Klarsfeld, the Paris lawyer, Nazi hunter and president of the French Association for the Children of Deported Jews, is frank about the political aspects of the offence. Klarsfeld, who has done more than anyone else to bring about the trials of Touvier and Barbie, and whose father was among those deported from Nice during the war, has explained that the trial of the Gestapo officer Barbie was always intended to set the scene for the eventual trials of the Gestapo's French collaborators.

Many people, including the Gaullist former Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, have said that these trials are an essential means of teaching France's younger generation the truth about the wartime collaboration.

But for Klarsfeld the trials are also important because in his view the French state has never acknowledged its own role during the Vichy years in the deportation of 76,000 Jews, most of whom were subsequently murdered in the gas chambers of Auschwitz. ates under some surprising legal rules, so that a man can be described as "previously convicted" even though his conviction took place at a trial when he was neither present nor represented. He can be convicted repeatedly for crimes that had no legal existence when they were committed.

And the state that prosecutes him can itself flout the rule of law that it claims to uphold. (Barbie was illegally kidnapped from Bolivia in 1983 by French government agents).

Among those who are opposed to France's trials of Nazis and their collaborators is Simone Veil. As a young girl she and her mother were deported from France to Auschwitz. Her mother died of typhus in Belsen shortly before the camp was liberated. In 1986 she said that she was not a supporter of those who worked to prosecute Barbie and that she would rather he had been "shot out of hand than tried", adding that if the point of the legal proceedings is to teach young people history, "a good film would be more useful than a bad trial".

One could add that to put a man on trial in order to teach children a history lesson is a perversion of justice. In the Barbie case, loathing of the accused's beliefs and actions was considered an adequate justification for numerous breaches of the essential rules of a fair trial. The calm procedures of the courtroom were replaced by the frantic rituals of a national psychodrama. The same process is now well under way in the Touvier case.

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REX FEATURES



A fascist in the making: Paul Touvier in 1937 — he was prepared by education and background to be a collaborator





On the run . . . in the bag: Touvier (top) with his family and (above) in police custody awaiting trial next month

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Who says they lost?

Torvill and Dean gave us a national thrill, says a choked **Libby Purves**

How dare the sports and headline-writers talk of failure? Of a "flop", a "sad miss", a "golden dream shattered" and the "cold comfort of a bronze"? Patronising creeps! Do they not know a moral victory when they see one? We were there, and we certainly do. Our boy and girl did well for us: showed those foreigners a thing or two.

Well, when I say we were there, it is not strictly accurate. We were, like millions of others, in front of the television screen, breaking all rules about children's bedtime and not viewing over meals. We, a family which has never once watched a sporting event together (or indeed separately), were for once united in thrall to the BBC sports department.

We did not even mind the delay to the nine o'clock news, the banality of the sports commentators, the predictable reaction-pieces with Robin Cousins, or the ghastly pomposity of the Olympic judges in procession. We were choked. Elevated. My daughter, aged nine, watched the whole event while roller-skating round the kitchen in complete empathy with Jayne Torvill. Her brother, who despises girls and dancing, sat mesmerised, his fingers only occasionally twitching an imaginary control pad when a particularly good leap made him think it was a computer game. By the time Torvill and Dean faced the music, we were at fever pitch.

> We liked them even better for having lasted so long

And we guessed — and have since, anecdotally, confirmed — that despite the fragmentation of TV and video and the whims of a media-sated nation, this was a rare moment of national unity. It was a television occasion, like one of those old Morecambe and Wise Christmas specials or *The Forsyte Saga*: you could feel everyone else watching with you, breathing with you.

Despite total ignorance of the technicalities of this weird sport of ice-dancing, our confidence grew in watching. Torvill and Dean have an extraordinary, transcendent quality of excellence: from right outside their world, you can tell instantly that you are watching something special.

The French and Russians were sleek and elegant, but when our veterans glided on to the ice the heart lifted. Quite apart from the precision and smooth style of every move, they danced with an unforced gaiety, a corkscrewing, tap-dancing, cartwheeling élan that made us sniff, and gasp, and say "It has to be gold!" And then — here is the real achievement — "Well, even if it isn't, this is history!" What am I saying? History? *Ice-dancing?* Odd, how these events take you over.

For, once a decade or so, a sporting fixture bursts out of the obsessive, nit-picking, bickering, nerdy culture of mainstream sport to capture the imagination of outsiders. Usually, it is because there is an emotional background to the story, something which elevates mere sport to high drama; but it depends on the conduct of the players themselves, too.

The only football match I have ever been enthralled by was when Sunderland won the 1973 FA Cup. I was watching because the situation seemed interesting: a second division club in a depressed area, challenging the giants. But what really brought a lump to the throat was the bit when Sunderland were in the lead, yet spent the final minutes not shoulder-to-shoulder in the goalmouth playing a defensive game, but out there attacking. They were drunk on the fun of it, risking the lot, magnificent.

Again, the only horse-race that ever stole my heart away was the 1981 Grand National. I watched, as we all did, to see a horse that had once been despaired of with a chipped leg, being ridden by a man who a year earlier had been barely able to walk out of the Royal Marsden hospital after intensive cancer treatment. And there they were, Bob Champion and Aldaniti: at the first fence they nearly fell, the horse's nose and knees touching the grass; at the second Aldaniti scraped over; then, with Champion (so he says) "sitting like a complete passenger", the horse surged forward, poured himself over fence after fence, and won. Forgive me while I gulp.

Torvill and Dean, of course, were not underdogs: nor are they personalities as beguiling and articulate as Bob Champion. But they were risk-takers, dreamers who had dared to decide, ten years after an Olympic gold, to cast aside their professional success and lay themselves on the line for the chance of another one.

We knew their doubts, from that tense little interview the other night when they admitted they maybe shouldn't have come to Lillehammer; we knew that the whole dance had been rebuilt at short notice. But what they gave, despite all this, was pure exaltation: *joie de vivre* and gleeful grace.

We liked them even better for having lasted so long. The rock 'n' roll number which won gold was fun and athletic and original: not bad, for youngsters. But if you were already adult for the year of *Bolero*, to see Torvill and Dean this week made you feel a whole lot better about being ten years older.

We have lived through marriages, divorces, births, bereavements, wars, the gradual attrition of the flesh; Sarajevo itself, where they won their gold, is not the same city. But ten years on, there they were: still there, still wonderful, cocking a snook at the kid newcomers. They lifted the spirits. The one thing they didn't do was lose.



By the time Christopher Dean and Jayne Torvill faced the music, millions of viewers were united at fever pitch

A GALLIC VIEW OF THE ICE EVENT

Frosty French roast T and D

Anyone who thinks the Channel tunnel marks a new era of Anglo-French *entente* would be advised to lend an ear to the chorus of gloating in France after the comeback of Torvill and Dean.

Centuries of rivalry, from Agincourt to the Common Agricultural Policy burst forth in a tide of *schadenfreude* as French commentators drew gleeful lessons from what they saw as the torment of the two English ice-dinosaurs.

"They should have known better than to come back in old age," the French team trainer told the Europe-1 radio as the press treated T and D to a list of adjectives that included tired, aged, *dis-oriented, corny, out-*of-date and super-*annuated. The man from Libération* chose insect imagery. "Dean buzzed about her like a kindly bumble-bee around an old queen sitting back on her age." *Le Monde's* television columnist, Daniel Schneidermann, said the decrepit pair looked like "two airships adrift without anchors in the mist". Take a few of the headlines: "Torvill-Dean in the bronze age," said *Le Parisien*. "The failed comeback of the English," said *L'Humanité*. "Torvill-Dean stopped in time," said *France Soir*. "The departed gifts of Torvill-Dean," said *Le Monde*.

> French verdict: fleshy thighs, puffed up and bloated



There was little gallantry in the French critique of Madame Torvill, whose looks and performance reaped pure scorn. "There she was, propped up on fleshy thighs with ankles turning the corner of age," said *L'Humanité*. *Le Figaro* thought that Dean had the air of a lounge dancer while "Jayne, puffed up, bloated and with overdone make-up, laboured in her glitter". *Libération* saw Dean as "this still young guy who, after a last dance, is doubtless going to leave this fossilised woman who has revived herself one final time".

Watching the ice-dancers on television in Paris, it was instructive to flick to and fro from the patriotic gush over "Jayne and Chris" on the BBC to the disdainful tones of the coverage on two French channels. With the French couple Sophie Moniotte and Pascal Lavanchy heading for "a very honourable" fifth place, it was clear French sympathies lay firmly with the Russians.

"Justice has been done. The Russian couple really are superb," said the man on the Eurosport network when the final scores appeared. "The British couple know they've blown it."

On the main TF-1 network the acid commentary was not helped by the presence on the panel of Isabelle Duchesnay, Dean's one-time pupil and wife for two years until their divorce last June. One commentator suggested that Dean seemed to have pinched some of his newer turns from French skaters. The cheering crowd annoyed TF-1. "Of course the English pair have a lot of their supporters here tonight."

A broad consensus held that the couple got a well-justified come-uppance after enjoying the favour of biased judging at the European Championships.

One does not have to dig far to trace the origins of the French hostility. While overt nationalism is deemed distasteful among the European allies, no holds are barred in sport. France has also grown tired of frog-bashing by British newspapers, so a little open anglophobia is understandable.

The ancient adversaries are set for their next show-down on March 5 when the English and French rugby teams do battle at the Parc des Princes.

CHARLES BREMNER

The yob in a suit returns

Clothes, as the Kray brothers understood, masketh the man

THERE have always been yobs *in* suits. The Krays wore neat, single-breasted numbers and, for all I know, had their shirts hand-tailored by Turnbull & Asser. Al Capone wore silk underwear beneath his famed bookmaker's stripes.

What *has* changed is that today, in everyday life, it is no longer just the skinhead in denims you have to be wary of. The *nouveau* clerical class has taken to violence in a big way. To the self-satisfied thug who thinks he has "arrived" in polite society, with a salary instead of a wage, it is not manners that maketh man but 250 quid spent on a credit card in Jaeger.

I was reminded of this uncomfortable truth one night last week when I was on my way home through the City in a black cab, when a group of young men suddenly jumped out in front of us, shouting.

The cabbie swerved violently to avoid them and, in doing so, struck the kerb with his front tyres. In the back, I was thrown forward, muttering something about "silly people". My heart sank when the driver, a small man in his late 40s, got out and began making his way towards his tormentors. "No good can come of this," I thought. I was right.

The be-suited drunks, together with their molls, gathered round the driver, barracking him. Their leader, a tall, blond thug wearing a long, expensive-looking raincoat over a grey two-piece with a faint check, listened for a moment to the cabbie's apt description of his behaviour, then began pushing him backwards, jabbing at his neck with an extended forefinger. The pair would have been dangerously head to head except that the yob was about a foot taller. He was also 20 years younger.

He began taunting his victim: "What you going to do about it, eh? Want a taste, do you?" It was clear that he was in no mood for negotiation. Sighing, I got out from the cab. I confess that my own mood was far from moderate. I asked him what the (*expletive deleted*) did he think he was doing? The driver seized his chance. "Yeah," he said, indicating me. "And he thinks you're a *(expletive deleted)* an' all."



Thugs are fighting for cab rides

"Right!" said the yob, his white coat flapping as he advanced. "So you want a taste as well, do you? He lunged toward me, swinging. One blow caught my glasses and sent them spinning through the air. When they landed, he trod on them. "The bastard!" I thought. I backed off and lashed out with my foot, which caught him, rather nicely I thought, in the seat of his emotions, so that he swayed forward. I hit him, just once, grabbed him by the collar and pulled him down.

I SHOULD have tap-danced on his head and ended our discussions. But I didn't. Too soft, you see. Instead, I got down and held him in an arm lock and called on him to surrender. Can you believe it? It was then that the years began to tell (for I am 45 now and well past this kind of caper). Someone kicked me in the back, and as I glanced behind, my assailant wriggled violently and was free. He sprang up and began laying into me with his polished boot as I still lay sprawled in the gutter.

What was odd was that I didn't feel anything. In fact, I had the presence of mind to grab my mangled glasses and put them in my top pocket before struggling back to an upright position, fists poised like dusters.

WHERE WAS the cabbie? I didn't know. But the men in suits were encircling me, grunting, while the girls screamed for their hero to stop it and hold off. "Want some more, do you?" he shouted, tucked up behind his girlfriend. On the whole, I did not, and when the driver's voice came from the taxi, "Come on, mate!" I decided that perhaps, after all, discretion was the better part of valour.

When the cabbie dropped me off 15 minutes later, he was clearly in a magnanimous mood. "Never mind the fourteen quid," he said. "Let's just call it a fiver." New glasses cost me £204. But with the £9 I saved on the cab fare, I suppose they were a snip.

What does the above tell us? Apart, that is, from the foolishness of having a go when you don't even know what it is you're having a go at. Well, it shows, beyond peradventure, that the Arthur English tendency is back with a vengeance, only this time with bad breath, shoes by Churchill and a sharp right 'ander. They don't have no education, they don't have no thought control. They are commission men. Probably in advertising or sales. But they have money in their pockets, they work out in the gym and they have a taste for sharp tailoring and assault.

They are on the up again after several years of quiescence and they are dangerous. Watch out.

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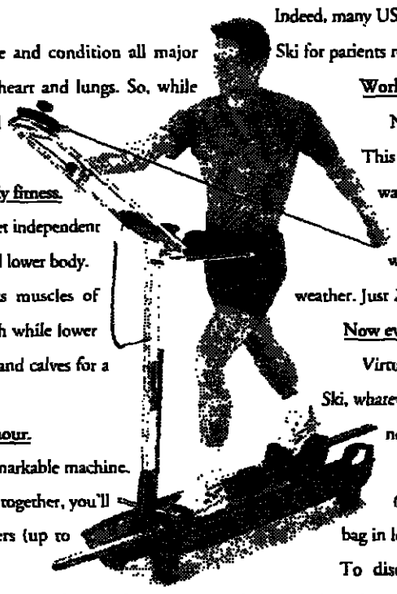
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Alan Coren



■ Evil is the root of all money, if you can get hold of the right agent

Though mine may not perhaps be a household name wherever theologians forgather, I am nevertheless emboldened by recent events to take a crack, this morning, at a spot of exegesis which could well leave a number of top hermeneutical bananas tugging their earlobes, scratching their tonsures, gnawing their lower lips, and murmuring "Blimey!"

You will recall that in the First Epistle of the Andrews Sisters to St Timothy, Patti, Maxine and Laverne were of one harmonious voice in declaring that money was the root of all evil. This observation, having the authentic ring of a universal truth, was an immediate winner; and ever since, we have all walked around smugly citing it whenever a mailtrain went on to an unscheduled stop in Parkhurst, a big gun turned up in a crate marked "Drainpipes", a newspaper proprietor fell off a boat, or any one of a thousand other come-uppances occurred to console the scrupulous poor. As universal truths go, therefore, it has done a workmanlike job. However, I have, as I say, been taking a close look recently at how the world turns and I have arrived at the conclusion that it is not half as universal, if pedants will forgive me, as what I am now convinced were the words as originally written: whether the error was caused by an inadequate grasp of Aramaic or botany, I cannot say (it may even be down to primitive recording equipment), but it is quite clear to me that what the Andrews Sisters should have observed was that money was the *fruit* of all evil.

For is it not the case that whenever anyone does anything naughty these days, even if his or her original motive was not greed, profit will come of it? Worse yet, that profit will not be illegal. The naughty will not end up in Parkhurst, they will end up in Antibes. Let us suppose you wish to compete successfully in the Olympic Games, to which end you dispatch your pit bull terrier to lunch off rival calves. Do you know what will happen? Publishers will claw one another's eyes out in the bid for your memoirs, that's what will happen. Should you, on the other hand, be a shrewdly international terrorist with a caring agent adept at cobbling together a Hollywood auction where not only eyes will be clawed but bespoke Raybans ripped off and trodden underfoot to get at them, then enough may be generated from film rights to snap up both a safe house on the Acapulco beachfront and a fighter-escorted Learjet to whizz you to production conferences and back.

But even if you are only a minor politician on a small salary per annum with no thought of becoming a major broadcasting star on an enormous salary per annum, you will find to your astonishment that this transition may be speedily and effortlessly accomplished by nothing more than a brief encounter on sensibly indiscreet premises with any accommodating person (except, that is, the mother of your children), whereafter, this time, those clawing one another's eyes out will be television producers. And even if you are merely any accommodating person, then newspaper editors will be the ones doing the clawing, as they vie for the exclusive rights to your anecdotes of this, that, and, of course, the other.

Should you be a top accommodating person, mind, your anecdotage income will be substantially supplemented by glossy international weeklies and monthlies in clawing need of ten colour spreads depicting you gambolling in the Jacuzzi wing of your Hampshire shooting lodge or whacking balls across its croquet lawn the better to display the gussets of your own-label sportswear, the success of the diet available in all major video outlets, and the ability of your endorsed maquillage to withstand anything Mother Nature can throw at it.

Good news, eh? But how are the rest of us to cash in? What must someone like me do to end up backstroking across the gravy? Take a baseball bat to Bernard Levin's wrist, set up a Popular Front for the Liberation of Wags, slip off in my Range Rover to a bugged Cricklewood love-nest to make profitable tryst with a soubrette, a prop forward, a merino sheep? I haven't yet decided, but be assured that I shall decide very soon: because it is, as the Andrews Sisters elsewhere observed, nice work if you can get it.



A Muslim seeks the grave of a relative in the makeshift cemetery of Sarajevo's former soccer field: the "relief" of the city may bring him scant relief

War gets a second wind

By asking Russia to join the Bosnian disaster, Nato has opened the doors to a wider and more significant conflict

Simon Jenkins

Listen to the cheering. The shelling of Sarajevo has ceased, and all thanks to American diplomacy, Nato bombers and British generals. Our television screens will no longer see this nightly pollution. At last we have done something well in Bosnia. Hurrah for intervention. Now let the peacemakers of the air move on to Tuzla and Gorazde, to Maglaj and Bihac, to the ratruns and sewers of Mostar.

As so often with Bosnia I must rub my eyes in disbelief. The one truly significant event of the week has been the arrival of Russians in the Bosnian stew. The Serbs were never going to capture Sarajevo. Their guns were merely securing a status quo partition of the city. Had Nato planes tried to bomb those guns, they might or might not have pulled back. What is sure is that a wider guerrilla war against aid convoys and foreign troops would have ensued and the Russians would have ended any UN consensus. This would have been disastrous for everyone — a point Douglas Hurd has pleaded in vain in Washington and Paris.

In the event, Boris Yeltsin has saved the West from its own recklessness. The Serbs have been given cover for a tactical withdrawal from Sarajevo — to concentrate on fighting Muslims elsewhere — with a guarantee that the Serb positions would not come under Muslim counterattack. Mr Yeltsin also warned Nato not to try any bombing threats elsewhere in Bosnia. He marched his troops into the cheering Bosnian Serb capital of Pale, and with good reason declared a triumph for Slav solidarity.

Perhaps the Bosnian civil war can now end happily and soon. Perhaps the coming of the Russians will dissuade the Muslims from a spring counter-offensive: good news for desperate civilians caught on the front lines. Perhaps Bill Clinton will find some other outlet for America's periodic craving to bomb foreigners. Perhaps Lord Owen will even persuade the Muslims that they must sooner or later live under UN protection surrounded by a new Croatia/Serbia, and may as well do so now. Perhaps the internationalisation of this war will stop. Perhaps pigs will fly.

Only the most deluded could see the events of the past week as other than a victory for Russia and Serbia. Certainly the Sarajevo government is not cheering. It said, with rare realism, that Nato had entrenched Serbia's aggression and pre-empted any new Muslim offensive. The siege guns may have fallen silent; as at Srebrenica, the price is the silence of the besieged. Sarajevo is now to become the playground of international statesmen, another Berlin or Beirut. Lord Owen said yesterday that the time had come for everyone, "both the Americans and the Russians, to become more heavily involved". God preserve the place. Into Sarajevo's green lines and enclaves will pour superdiplomacy, supercharity, prestige and unctuous concern. As Tweedledum remarked, let's fight until six then have dinner ... and then perhaps fight again.

In asking Russia to commit soldiers to Bosnia, Nato this week put a bullet in its revolver, spun the chamber and placed the barrel at its head. Slav revanchism in Yugoslavia was the final horror against which the Russian Foreign Minister, Andrei Kozyrev, jokingly warned the West a year ago. With troops committed to a Slav civil war — forget their blue berets — what Russian politician will dare withdraw them short of victory?

What then if some foolish European politician (such as Malcolm Rifkind last week) goads America into sending troops to help lift the Serbian sieges? If America believes the bombing threat changed everything in Sarajevo last week, why not go further? Why not see if the Russians are bluffing? Drop a few bombs to test them. Send a few troops. After all, it was only a handful of advisers that Lyndon Johnson sent to Da Nang in 1965, after 150 bombers failed to convince the Vietcong of America's commitment.

What we are seeing in Bosnia is a crucial turning point in the course of an intervention. The Nato/UN forces are no longer obeying their original objective of escorting humanitarian aid. They are plainly seeking a war aim, a shift in the military balance of a civil conflict. This is the shift against which every strategist warned two years ago. The magnetism of war distorts rules of engagement. Escorting convoys becomes returning fire in self-defence. Mediating skirmishes becomes drawing maps and negotiating ceasefires. Protecting enclaves becomes aiding combatants. Delivering supplies becomes taking sides. And as you sink into this mire, you beckon frantically for others to join you, even Russians.

The media have invented a new tense in which to advocate these risky adventures: the unfulfillable future conditional. In Somalia American forces were encouraged ashore but only "if they leave behind a new political and security framework". So said a unanimous British and American press. There was no chance of this condition being met, but the armchair strategist was neatly off the hook. He could accuse the non-interventionist of cowardice, yet blame the eventual fiasco on "failures of implementation".

Similarly, Sunday's relief of Sarajevo is hailed as a vindication of air power, but only if the Serbs can show themselves magnanimous towards the Muslims and not simply shift their guns and soldiers elsewhere. (In which case Nato will have cynically abetted Serb aggression.) Again, the condition will not be fulfilled and the media and opposition politicians will heap scorn on governments for not "giving the UN the tools for the job". A month ago, John Major was being asked in the Commons when he was going to pull out of Bosnia. Yesterday MPs demanded to know which city he would relieve next. Foreign intervention is a whimsical affair.

I believe that for two years the outside world has contrived, however messily, to do the right thing in former Yugoslavia. It has offered two services to a nation for whose factionalism it is not remotely responsible: a conciliation forum in Geneva and huge charitable relief. The UN's one mistake was to support that relief with soldiers — unlike in Ethiopia or other recent civil wars. It thus gave each side the opportunity to plead with the soldiers for help and taunt them for their impotence.

Both services lost their point at least a year ago. As Lord Owen and others have recently admitted, intervention is almost certainly prolonging the conflict. The Muslims are rearming and recovering some lost ground. Mercenaries are everywhere. Rural communities are looting food, money and presumably weapons meant for the besieged. Each side can blame outsiders for their misery, while denying their leaders any negotiating manoeuvre.

A month ago UN troops seemed on the brink of being withdrawn from Bosnia. Barely a quarter of relief supplies were reaching their intended destination. UN soldiers were dying. Yet it was apparent to the Geneva negotiators that no side was exhausted enough to sue for peace. The French were reluctant to pull out, trapped by domestic politics, but Britain was ready to leave, as were the Dutch. The Bosnians might at last have been left to find their own path to peace, and the aid agencies left to do the best they can unprotected.

The mortaring of Sarajevo market on February 5 — by whom is still unclear — put paid to that. There is no more powerful magnet to military escalation than foreign corpses on American television and a talented (rather than a whingeing) general on the ground, in the form of Britain's Sir Michael Rose. Withdrawal suddenly became unthinkable. That fell phrase was heard, "Nato's patience is exhausted". The gods of war put on the clothes of peace and banged their drums. Convoy assistance was no longer the objective. Ceasefires had to be enforced. Bosnia now faces the Tolstoyan fate of being a land over which foreign powers will test their strength.

We are back to square one. Satellite reconnaissance plots new Serbian targets. Battalions go on standby. Those not yet committed, the Americans and the Germans, are shown the white feather. Behind the strident editorials can be heard the strains of Oh What a Lovely War. We have lifted the siege of Sarajevo as we lifted that of Mafeking. Which siege next, Mr Major? Are you a man or a mouse? So what if the Russians are really on the other side. We have dealt with their like before. Now is no time to cut and run. Come on in, America. This is where your president can find his glory. To war!

I wish we would all get out of Bosnia and leave it to finish its own dreary business on its own. We are not helping. We congratulate ourselves for Sarajevo. For what? For showing how good we are at prolonging other people's troubles.

Major's economic albatross

Kenneth Baker on a Cabinet killing the thing it loves

The Government's fortune is now totally dependent upon the strength of the economic recovery. Ministers and backbench MPs look upon recovery as the rope at which they can clutch to save them from drowning. The Government, therefore, should be focusing upon economic recovery and thinking about little else.

Too much time is now being spent on trying to keep the good ship "back to basics" afloat. Back to basics has not been holed below the waterline, but in the storms that have lashed her she has lost a mast and some of the crew, while many left on board are regretting the voyage. She will sail on, but not as a flagship with the winds of public support billowing out her sails. The other vessel which has lost a mast, one hopes temporarily, is the good ship lower taxation.

All ministers should be turning their attention to the economy and the complacent forecasts emanating from the Treasury and the Bank of England. Scrutiny should start in knowledge that the tax increases this April will amount to £8.8 billion, which is about 1.3 per cent of GDP. There is going to be much less money about, so economic activity will grow only if people save less or spend some savings. That will mean savings going into consumption, not into investment. It is certainly a prodigal policy.

Ministers also know that in April next year there will be another tax hike of £7 billion, and in April 1996 one of £3 billion. Both will depress the economy further at a time when the Government expects the winds of success to fill out its sails. That, however, is not the end of the gloom. If the public-sector deficit remains stubbornly high, the Chancellor may have to increase taxes further, or postpone their reduction.

All this could be bearable if the economy were really going to grow at a fast rate. But it isn't. This year we will be rejoicing to get a growth of about 2.5 per cent. That will be much better than Europe and much better than recent years. But what has happened to the targets of 4 per cent which we achieved in four consecutive years in the 1980s? Margaret Thatcher showed that the British economy could expand faster than had been thought possible. Unfortunately this was thrown away by the disastrous policies followed by the then Chancellor and Bank Governor. Mrs Thatcher failed to persuade them to follow her policy — there is a lesson here for John Major.

The most recent messages from the Governor of the Bank of England are that inflation has not been conquered and that therefore we should take no risks by "over-expanding". This is dangerously over-cautious. We are going through a disinflationary decade. Wage inflation will be held back by high male unemployment and under-utilised economic capacity. Kenneth Clarke seems to have grasped this, for he is reported as wanting to cut interest rates by half a point. Eddie George reluctantly threw him the sop of a quarter point. It is time the Chancellor exerted his authority and required the Bank to reduce interest rates further. Discount rates in Germany are forecast to be lower than 4 per cent at the end of the year.

If we do not reduce our interest rates, the pound will strengthen alongside the rising dollar. This will reduce our competitive advantage — won so adventitiously on Golden Wednesday. In the past, competitive devaluation was rightly condemned as an excuse for lazy management and over-powerful trade unions. Today British management is not lazy and trade union wings have been clipped.

Lowering the pound would also help to reduce the rising trade deficit, which is one of the great storm clouds over recovery. All this means that the Government should not be looking to a stronger pound propped up by high interest rates. It should cut rates now, before it is too late, and a further quarter-point will not be enough.

The other action the Government should take is to stimulate investment, and here the Labour Party shows every sign of running off with our clothes. The Government wants private money to go into public projects; indeed Mr Major as Chief Secretary pioneered this policy with his imaginative funding of the Dartford River Crossing.

The Government has published a list of 89 such projects, of which about half are under way. The intentions are right but the execution is insipid. I have heard several ministers say, "Look what we've done, we've given you the chance, now get on with it." The problem is that none of these projects is easy, for they involve several partners — county councils, local councils, nationalised industries, developers and ultimate users. Most of them need planning permission, and none is risk-free. What is needed is for ministers to act as facilitators to the projects, fulfilling the role of merchant bankers or brokers, bringing the partners to the table and smoothing the way, and if necessary getting the Treasury to take some of the risk.

The Prime Minister should appoint four ministers to bring the remaining projects to fulfilment, and the ministers who do best should be the first to get into the Cabinet at the next shuffle. The Government should not intervene by owning enterprises or extending state control, but intervene to make things happen. That would dispel the impression that this is a Government to which things happen rather than one which makes things happen.

Whip hand

GIVEN the growing number of government defeats in the Upper House, it cannot be long before Lord Wakeham considers withdrawing the Tory whip from the likes of Lord Peyton and his rebellious friends. But he should study the consequences.

Nearly a decade ago Lord "Bertie" Denham, chief whip emeritus, finally lost his cool with Lord Alport, after "Cub" defied a three-line whip. "I cannot feel that the attitude you have adopted is consistent with your continuing to take the Conservative whip," Denham told him — and promptly withdrew it. Alport has thrived ever since. "It was a great advantage to me because I was out of sympathy with the Thatcherite policies of those years. I was a Conservative still but independent, which I think is the right role for everybody within the House of Lords."

There is a drawback, however. "I don't get information about the memorial services of old colleagues," says the former Minister for Commonwealth Relations. "I have to depend on *The Times*."

Curiously, Alport has just been invited back into the party fold by the Association of Conservative Peers. But the invitation was declined. Instead Alport wants to see the likes of Peyton, Whitelaw, Boyd-Carpenter and Renton join him in an Independent Conservative Party in the Lords. "It's high time they joined me. I would be perfectly willing to serve under any of them as chairman." Alport adds modestly.

● *Emotions were running high inside and outside the Commons during Monday night's debate on the age of consent for homosexuals. Inside a select band of do-or-die Labour MPs, led by Glenda Jackson and George Galloway, believed so strongly in the "16" option that, when it failed, they voted against 18. Outside, there was mounting concern about the behaviour of candle-bearing demonstrators. Thankfully, the risk of arson passed and with it every headline writer's dream — the Gay Fawkes conspiracy.*

Water babies

FOR THOSE who cannot withstand the excitement of the University Boat Race next month, there is an alternative. The Players' Theatre in London's Charing Cross is staging *Formosa*, a play about the boat race by the 19th-century Irish playwright Dion Boucicault. The curtain will rise just as the starter's flag is dropped.

Reassuringly for Oxford, which has just been beaten by the former polytechnic Oxford Brookes University and today formally challenges Cambridge for the 1994 race, the play's victors are the crew in dark blue. But victory is not without cost, for just before the race the Oxford captain is lured to a bordello and just escapes in time to lead his crew to victory.

"We invited the real Oxford crew to the evening performance after the race," says Richard Fawkes, who adapted the work for the Players'. "But they declined, saying they'll be busy celebrating." There's confidence for you.

● *Stjepan Mesic, president of the Croat parliament, was in tactful mood as he finished a flying visit to London at the Hamilton Gallery and the launch of Andrew Hewkin's forward-looking exhibition* Croatia — Land Of Optimism. *Airstrikes he was happy to hold forth on, but not art. "It's for the critics to decide whether they are any good."*

Going up

THE SMOKY air of London's Garrick Club is humming with excitement as members discuss the implications of the latest circular from the club's management committee. Plans are afoot to install a lift in the club and provide bedrooms for weary members on its upper floors.

"The staircase has been a kind of obstruction to members' enjoyment of the club's upper floors," advises the circular: "Particularly for such as are of riper years." Martin Harvey, club secretary, elaborates: "The full project is to include 12 bedrooms for those who wish to stay."

Members express divergent views. Frank Muir throws his bow-tied support behind the idea. "I am very much in favour of the idea of bedrooms but the lift probably won't work. Club lifts never do." Terry Wogan is less sure. "It's a sad commentary on members' legs. But if the implication of bedrooms is that women will be allowed in through the back door, then I'm all for it."





Bottomley and Zito finally got together

Head-to-head heart to heart

AN INTERVIEW with a reluctant Virginia Bottomley on the *Dispatches* programme tonight on Channel 4 was secured only after the most tenacious endeavour on the part of Jayne Zito, whose husband was fatally stabbed in 1992 by a schizophrenic just discharged from hospital.

Zito, who turned documentary maker for the programme, had repeatedly requested an interview with the Health Secretary, only to be turned down each time. In desperation she took the film crew to collar Bottomley at a constituency event in Farnham, Surrey.

"My name is Jayne Zito. Is it possible I can speak to you please?" she began. Bottomley was unimpressed. "There is a way of organising interviews..." she replied — before taking refuge from the prying cameras in the Ladies. The direct approach, however, worked. Within days Zito had her interview.

● *BBC cameramen were unexpectedly diverted yesterday from covering a speech by Michael Heseltine at a Leicestershire conference on the Government's industrial strategy. The new assignment? To film a coal mine in Cotgrave, Nottinghamshire, one of the original ten closed by Heseltine, as it was blown up.*

IMMUNE FROM JUSTICE

Scott must clarify the use of ministerial gagging orders

Lord Justice Scott complained yesterday that documents which ministers tried to withhold from the 1992 Matrix Churchill trial had a "trivial" bearing on the public interest. His remark will have sent a ripple of alarm through Whitehall. It suggests that his enquiry's final report into the export of arms to Iraq will have much to say about Public Interest Immunity (PII) certificates and their alleged abuse by the Government two years ago. Although the judge was cross-examining Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, his complaint was addressed to a much wider gallery.

By focusing upon these certificates, the Scott enquiry is shedding much-needed light on an uncharted area of executive power which few outside the Government have heard of and few within it seem to understand fully. Ministers have claimed that PII certificates are merely advisory documents, informing the courts of potential damage to the interests of the State. In constitutional practice, however, it seems their force is enormous and rarely resisted. Had Judge Smedley been less alert in the Matrix Churchill trial, three of the engineering firm's executives might have gone to prison for evasion of export restrictions.

In fact, those restrictions had been secretly relaxed in 1988, and one of the defendants had provided MI6 with intelligence on the military uses to which British goods were being put in Iraq. Lord Justice Scott must therefore decide whether the ministers who signed certificates to withhold relevant documents from the courts did so in the public interest or merely to save the Government embarrassment. He must also judge whether they realised that a serious miscarriage of justice might result from their decision.

For the State to reserve such a power to itself is not only reasonable but essential. There are times when the public interest is not served by disclosure of sensitive information in court, particularly in cases where national security might be affected. Kenneth Clarke's argument on Monday that he signed two certificates when Home Secretary to prevent the release of operational information involving British intelligence agents was plausible.

Less convincing were the points made last week by Andrew Leithead, an assistant Treasury solicitor, who argued that PII certificates should be used for "administrative convenience" merely to protect the confidentiality of offical advice and inter-departmental communication. To spread the net thus far is clearly unacceptable. More worryingly, the gap between Mr Clarke's exposition of the PII doctrine and Mr Leithead's all-embracing belief in non-disclosure suggests an absence of rigorous guidelines or standard practice.

There is confusion, for example, over the obligation to which ministers are subject when advised by legal officers to sign PII certificates. It has been claimed by some, including Mr Rifkind, that this duty is binding. Others, including Mr Clarke, have argued that the minister retains the right to reject the guidance of Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General. This view is supported by the doctrine of ministerial responsibility and the fact that Richard Needham, the trade minister, refused to sign one such certificate. But clarification is evidently needed.

This is one of the most important and complex tasks facing the Scott enquiry. In particular, it must examine the circumstances in which ministers may make so-called "class claims": applications for complete suppression of documents because of the category of information they cover. In most cases, as Judge Smedley showed, it is possible to blank out sensitive passages in documents, while disclosing the information necessary for justice to be upheld. A new balance must be struck between the interests of the State and the interests of the defendant. Whatever he says about individual ministers and officials in his final report, Lord Justice Scott should give priority to this fundamental question.

KOHL'S CROATS

Germany must press President Tudjman towards peace

Launching a campaign to sweep his party through an array of national, state and local elections before the German general election in October, Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, has put his opponents on notice that foreign policy will be a main plank of his Christian Democratic Union platform. For the next nine months, he will play host to a succession of foreign leaders, including President Yeltsin, in an attempt to project a vote-winning image of a sovereign Germany in the mainstream of world affairs.

He will concentrate on three areas where Germany has been playing an increasingly visible role: Russia and Eastern Europe, America and the Atlantic Alliance, and the Balkans. By coincidence, Germany was the host yesterday of a meeting of senior diplomats and officials from Russia, and America and the European Union to examine how the momentum of the Sarajevo ceasefire can be maintained. With the Russians now drawn in as protectors and enforcers of Serbian co-operation and the Americans as defenders of Muslim interests, the need for Germany to exploit its relations with the Croats has never been greater. But is Bonn willing to use its muscle?

The German relationship with Croatia is old, and in the eyes of some, not very honourable. The wartime alliance is something the Germans would rather forget — though apparently not the Croats. More important and relevant to today's war is German's crucial decision in 1991 to force upon its European Union partners recognition of Croatia and Slovenia. Whether in hindsight this lit the fuse for the Bosnian war is a matter still of contentious dispute. What matters is that President Tudjman's government was deeply grateful and has given Germany considerable leverage in Zagreb. To Bonn's dismay, however, its protégés have behaved with the same duplicity as the other combatants. Germany repeatedly warned Zagreb that it was straining its tolerance. But until now Bonn has held out against European Union sanctions on Croatia, despite documented atrocities by Croat forces, the blockading of humanitarian convoys and evidence that regular Croatian army units are fighting in Bosnia.

Germany justifies this reluctance on the ground that it can invoke the most drastic measures against Zagreb only once — and the time to do so is when this would decisively tip the balance in favour of a Croatian agreement to a new peace arrangement. In fact, the reluctance has more to do with domestic politics. Germany has a huge number of Yugoslav immigrants, overwhelmingly Croatian. It also has given asylum to a further 100,000 refugees, but is now proposing to turn Croats back. Bonn fears that sanctions would not only stop the electorally popular return of asylum-seekers, but would encourage an influx from the 650,000 refugees now in Croatia.

In an electoral year, these arguments carry weight. In any case, sanctions now seem a less effective way of influencing policy: the Serbian example has hardly been convincing. But if Germany is to be Croatia's protector, it must also enforce Croatian compromise. The Serbs are ready to halt their offensive; the Croatian and Muslims are intent still on fighting. America may yet warn the Muslims of the futility of further conflict; Germany must spell out the same to the Croats.

NO BIRD IS AN ISLET

In nature's network, the death of seabirds diminishes man

Dead birds stir pity and guilt in this age of ecological concern. Few pictures of the Gulf War aroused such emotion as the one of the oiled cormorant. The flocks of the air and the shoals of the sea are no longer boundless, self-multiplying and ever available for man to have dominion over. The terrible harvest of dead seabirds that has been washed ashore along the east coast from Shetland to the Humber all week has sounded the alarm for man also. Birds are no longer expendable. They are part of the terrestrial ecosystem, and their death in such numbers may be an alarm signal that something is out of joint in nature.

So far the corpses of more than 50,000 seabirds have been washed ashore. Such "bird wrecks" occur periodically, but the worst previous toll came to 30,000, and that was for the whole of 1983.

The dead birds include puffins, shags and razor-bills, but the majority are guillemots. Their corpses are emaciated, without body fat, suggesting that they have slowly starved to death. Scientists fear that the surviving seabirds will be too weak for the breeding-season, which begins in a few weeks.

Guillemots occupy a narrow niche in the ecosystems. They spend half the year from August to March at sea, continually diving for sprats and other small fish. Rough weather and cold seas sap their energy and so destroy them quickly. Many guillemots die at sea every year, and the easterly gales may have blown more than usual ashore. But surely not in so many thousands.

Oil pollution has been ruled out as a cause of this year's unprecedented mortality. Scientists are looking for signs of poisoning by pesticides or industrial pollutants. The starvation of the birds indicates a famine, perhaps caused by migration of the shoals of sprats southwards, or by the shortage of sand-eels created by factory fishing. Over-fishing damages the North Sea more than pollution, and Denmark catches more than two million tonnes of sand-eels a year there, to turn into margarine, chicken-feed and fuel for a power station.

February is the month when food is scarcest and climate harshest for British birds; the month when half of them die even in a less harsh year. But they are no longer simply symbols of wildness, innocence and freedom; they have become indicators of change and decay in the environment. The scientists must establish whether this February's wreck of the seabirds is natural or caused by man. If it was man-made, hard remedies are needed, for instance by banning fishing from the Dogger Bank and other nurseries of fish. Even Britain is not so rich in bird life that it can stand losing another species. For in the complex chain of life, the mysterious death of so many guillemots also diminishes man.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Benefits of Lloyd's rescue scheme

From the Chairman of Lloyd's Members' Hardship Committee

Sir, The tragic death of Admiral Sir Richard Fitch (obituary, February 19) and the comment by Mr Michael Deeny (report, February 18) that many people are "too proud" to seek help from the Lloyd's hardship committee, prompt me to set out the benefits that the scheme offers to those Lloyd's members who have unfortunately incurred unaffordable underwriting losses.

The aim of the scheme is to avoid bankruptcy for the member and to offer him sympathetic and individual resolution of his indebtedness to Lloyd's, having established his financial situation with sufficient clarity to be confident that we are offering an equitable arrangement on a proper need-related basis.

Looking at the member's Lloyd's liabilities, we determine, within guidelines that the Council of Lloyd's has approved, what he can afford to pay Lloyd's in a phased programme. If the member agrees to make those payments, Lloyd's covenants to provide sufficient money from the Central Guarantee Fund to meet his ongoing underwriting liabilities.

We always aim to protect the member's home, provided this is no more than modest. Where the member's funds at Lloyd's are in the form of a bank guarantee secured on his home, we do not draw down the guarantee if this exposes him to the risk of dispossession. Instead we release the guarantee, and Lloyd's takes a charge on the property that will not be enforced until after the deaths of the member and his spouse.

Where the member's income is insufficient to meet the reasonable domestic needs of himself and his immediate family, we offer income support where possible by putting some of his capital into a trust fund, which will pay income to him for his lifetime and return the capital to Lloyd's on his death.

We handle all information in the strictest confidence, and all scheme applicants and participants are treated with courtesy and respect. There is nothing in the process that is either "humiliating" or "a kind of charity".

To date, some 1,600 former underwriting members of Lloyd's have applied to participate in the scheme, and we have made proposals to about 650 of these. I hope that action group chairmen and others will reflect that, if they deter members from approaching us, they may increase anxiety and distress.

Yours faithfully,
MARY ARCHER,
Chairman,
Lloyd's Members' Hardship Committee,
Lloyd's of London,
Gun Wharf, Dock Road,
Chatham, Kent.
February 19.

Bafta awards

From Ms Biddy Baxter

Sir, The disquiet felt by heads of factual programmes (letter, February 17) at being excluded from next April's main Bafta awards ceremony at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, and being demoted to "the second division", the production awards in Belfast, is nothing compared with the despondency of their colleagues in children's programmes.

The award for factual output in this area has been relegated from the first to the third division — an untelevised event to be held at the Bafta headquarters.

For those dedicated to entertaining and informing the adult viewers of the future to have their efforts marginalised by their very own craft association is disheartening, to say the least. Bafta has also succeeded in marginalising the 8.7 million four to 14-year-olds in Britain for whom these programmes are made.

Yours faithfully,
BIDDY BAXTER
(Editor, *Blue Peter*, 1962-88),
49 Hallam Street, W1.
February 18.

Financial pressures on the clergy

From Professor M. G. Haines

Sir, Your editorial of February 16, "The cost of faith", drew attention to the reckless property speculations of the Church Commissioners leading to an £800 million loss (or about one third of assets). You also suggest reform of the distribution of resources amongst the 43 dioceses.

The way that the Church Commissioners have implemented the so-called "Sheffield formula" of 1974, concerned with the reallocation of total clergy numbers among dioceses, has led to a reduction in employed clergy and diminished church activity. Dioceses were given a contribution to stipends based on the number of clergy they *should* employ rather than the number actually employed.

Dioceses such as London were encouraged to reduce the number of clergy to allow others to expand, and not surprisingly the number of churchgoers fell as the number of clergy fell (200 posts were lost in London). However, contrary to the spirit of the report, the dioceses that were meant correspondingly to expand their clergy numbers accepted the extra money from the Commissioners but did not employ more clergy.

If the Commissioners had been wiser they would have offered their 43 per cent contribution to pay for posts actually filled. Then there would have been an incentive to expand clergy numbers in the areas of need in keeping with the Sheffield report. Furthermore, the money freed from unfilled posts could be transferred to dioceses that wished to employ more clergy.

The results of this mistaken policy are a large contraction in the total number of clergy and an increase in unemployed ordinands. Church activity (and the ability to pay salaries) is proportional to the number of clergy employed.

Yours sincerely,
M. G. HAINES
(Lay Chairman, Kensington Deanery Synod),
15 Mount Avenue, W5.
February 21.

From Prebendary P. J. Blake

Sir, The historic endowments of thousands of individual benefices in the Church of England were pooled in the 1970s to achieve a national pay policy for the parochial clergy. Could not at least one of the "local strategies" which you commend in your editorial today be the re-endowment of benefices? Two or three substantial legacies of £100,000 apiece could go a long way to sustain the stipend of a parish priest. Alternatively, a benefice endowment fund might be established. Being local and direct, it could well attract a more ready and widespread response than ever-increasing requests for quota contributions.

Every benefice that could attract new endowment income over the next few years would be the more able, through the offerings of parishioners to the diocesan quota, to support the many parishes that could not.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK BLAKE,
The Rectory,
72 Church Lane, Backwell,
Bristol, Avon.
February 16.

From the Anglican Chaplain, University of Brighton

Sir, Could not all clergy, whether vicars, archdeacons or bishops, be paid at the same basic rate? Of course, an archbishop's expenses, for travel, etc. are greater than a curate's, but these must be distinguished from their basic pay, which should be identical.

Such a system would emphasise that the clergy do their jobs for the intrinsic value they have. If the Church has a "career structure" at all, the rewards of office should be found other than in the prospects of more pay. My suggestion would save many clergy posts from the axe, and offer an important model to the rest of society — that the most worthwhile job is one worth doing for its own sake, not the one that offers the most financial gain.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY CANE,
The Chaplaincy,
University of Brighton,
Moulsecoomb, Brighton, East Sussex.
February 16.

From the Archdeacon of Salop

Sir, Had the compiler of your main crossword today read the first leader in the same issue, he might perhaps have been less sanguine about the answer to 1 across: "Food an archdeacon lives on (7)".

However, be of good cheer: baked beans on toast is probably as nourishing as venison.

Your humble and not yet indigent servant,
GEORGE FROST,
The Vicarage, Tong,
Shifnal, Shropshire.
February 16.

Redundant churches

From Mrs Jennifer M. Freeman

Sir, Marcus Binney's article on the City churches (February 9) highlights a proposal to create a City churches trust. This idea was first put forward by the Church of England's own Council for the Care of Churches in evidence to the Templeman Commission.

The development of a trust might secure the future of the least used City churches without imperilling their status as places of worship available for private prayer, occasional services and for visitors.

The trust would ideally be non-denominational and high-profile, able to draw on the services of distinguished people and serious funding from outside Church circles. It could manage the churches as a group, promoting activities to stimulate interest in the buildings and assist in caring for them.

In some buildings, certainly, low-key ancillary uses might well be introduced but, surely wholesale conversion of these outstanding Grade I-listed buildings, along the lines the commission's report suggested, should be resisted. Such a course of action would deny all opportunity for worship and result in much undesirable disturbance of historic fabric.

Little used some City churches may be, but it is rare to find them empty. All are loved. Many who care for the City churches cannot attend them on a regular basis but might willingly contribute to a City churches trust.

Yours faithfully,
JENNIFER M. FREEMAN,
8 Kensington Gate, W8.
February 16.

Cold front

From Mr Sandy Gall

Sir, In his review (February 10) of my new book, *News from the Front*, Mr Ian McIntyre quite rightly points out my mistake in saying that Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, former Prime Minister of Pakistan, was *not* president of the Oxford Union; but then goes on to commit an inexplicable error by claiming that Bhutto was not an alumnus of Berkeley, California, either. Having looked up the one, you would have thought that he would equally have checked the other.

He describes my trip to Afghanistan in 1984, with a protection squad of Pakistan Army Special Forces, as "the freebie to end all freebies".

He may know what he is talking about regarding freebies; of Afghanistan he clearly knows nothing.

But then the BBC, of which he was a leading light, failed lamentably to give much television coverage of the Afghan war.

Yours etc,
SANDY GALL
(Independent Television News, 1963-92),
Turf Club,
5 Carlton House Terrace, SW1.

Specialists' fees

From Mr John Chawner

Sir, The findings of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission which you reported on February 12 suggest that the British Medical Association has encouraged its consultant members to overvalue their professional services. I would like to correct this misrepresentation.

The BMA guidelines, first published in 1989, were an attempt to inform patients, GPs and consultants on the likely level of charges for private health care. While BUPA's schedule of fees accounts for over 70 per cent of total private charges, the Trade Secretary has decided to accept the MMC's recommendation to prevent further publication of the guidelines. This move will create a monopoly situation by leaving a single major insurer as the dominant force in determining the market for private medicine.

The MMC's own research indicates that fees for consultants as a percentage of total spending on acute private treatment have been in decline since 1986. Furthermore, the principal reason for increases in private medical insurance subscriptions has been the rise in hospital costs and not specialists' fees. The MMC does not provide evidence to support the suggestion of consultants overcharging. Your report refers to 1,200 consultants earning over £200,000. The correct figure is nearer 250, while the average earning of all consultants from private practice is about £17,000. This, in our view, is comparable with the earnings potential of other senior professionals — e.g., barristers.

Consultants have used the guidelines as a valuable source of information on the levels of fees being charged nationally. The decision to withdraw them will remove an important safeguard for patients.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CHAWNER
(Chairman, Central Consultants and Specialists Committee),
British Medical Association,
BMA House, Tavistock Square, WC1.
February 15.

From Professor A. G. Johnson and Mr B. Ribeiro

Sir, The BMA is accused by the MMC of running a cartel. The MMC also predicts that the withdrawal of the BMA's private surgery tariff is likely to drive down specialist fees and insurance premiums.

In a recent survey of our members, submitted to the MMC, we found that only 4 per cent use the BMA scale as their sole guide, whereas 92 per cent refer to the BUPA scales, among others, because they are concerned that patients should not be charged more than the fee for which they are insured.

The few very high-earning consultants, who are always referred to, usually have a significant number of patients from overseas — a fact which is irrelevant to British insurance premiums. Comparison with other countries with different health systems means nothing without knowledge of the experience and expertise of the surgeon concerned.

A "free market" may or may not produce cheaper operations; but it is the quality of the advice and operative skills provided by the surgeon that count.

Yours etc,
ALAN JOHNSON
(President),
BERNARD RIBEIRO
(Honorary Secretary),
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Seeking sources of energy in the wind

From Dr Peter Musgrove

Sir, Your leader, "Tilting at windmills" (February 19), repeated a number of misconceptions about wind energy. Wind turbines do not adversely affect the local flora and fauna. The converse is likely to be true, because the substantial rental income received by landowners will reduce overgrazing pressures and allow better land management. Wind turbines also do not affect local water supplies. They have no effect on rainfall and with good site design the foundations and access tracks do not interfere with natural drainage patterns.

Modern wind turbines are not noisy. You can converse at the base of a turbine without raising your voice, and on moors, at a distance of about 300 metres, the noise of the wind itself will usually make the turbines inaudible. There is also no evidence either in the UK or Denmark (where there are over 3,000 turbines) of a hazard to birds.

The real environmental issue with wind farms is their appearance. In my experience the minority of objectors have no quarrel with the appearance of traditional windmills (and we had over 10,000 of those at the start of the last century) only with modern turbines with slender towers.

Although the visual impact of wind farms may be debatable, Britain has the best wind resource in Europe, and this gives us the opportunity to generate a significant proportion of our electricity needs in a way that does not irrevocably damage the interests of future generations.

My company and others have made a start, since 1991, with just 400 turbines already meeting the electricity needs of over 100,000 people. The strident minority who oppose change, and forget that our landscape is man-made, must not be allowed to deflect us from making progress towards a truly sustainable future.

Yours faithfully,
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Bourne End, Buckinghamshire.
February 21.

From Dr Philip Surman

Sir, Alison Roberts (report, February 19) and your leading article highlight the difficult balance to be struck between obtaining pollution-free electricity from the wind and the resultant changes to the landscape.

In order for the UK to meet its pledge to reduce its emissions of carbon dioxide, a combination of conservation measures and new non-fossil electricity generation is required. The contribution to this by nuclear power will be determined by the Government's forthcoming nuclear review.

The alternative (and safer) contribution by wind power could be limited by the campaign against it being waged by the Country Guardian organisation.

Could it be a coincidence that at least one leading member of the Country Guardian campaign has links with the nuclear industry? Could those currently campaigning to avoid changes to the landscape be voting unwittingly in favour of more nuclear power stations?

The British wind industry has built 19 wind farms in the last two years and is technically capable of erecting the remainder of the 100 farms necessary to avoid another nuclear station. The best of our landscape is already well protected in the national parks. More is at stake than the romantic notion that the rest of Britain's windy hill-tops should also be preserved in aspic for ever.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP SURMAN,
The Energy Workshop,
3 Queen's Road,
Harrogate, North Yorkshire.
February 20.

Infinite decimals

From Mr John Rowe Townsend

Sir, Mr David McFetrich (letter, February 18) thinks the old tax allowance for earned income of two ninths was crazy because, as a decimal figure, it came out at .22222 and so on for ever.

But couldn't it be said that there was nothing wrong with the two ninths and that the problem was the inability of the decimal system to express a simple fraction? It can't even deal with one third without reaching out to infinity.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN ROWE TOWNSEND,
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February 18.

Power-steering

From Mr Rollo Young

Sir, The wonderful benefits of guide dogs and hearing dogs for the deaf impress us all.

I am blessed with adequate eyesight and hearing but find myself handicapped by failing memory. Should I consider training up a guide elephant to assist me?

Yours faithfully,
ROLLO S. YOUNG,
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Fortrose, Ross-shire.
February 18.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 22: By command of The Queen, the Viscount St Davids (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, today upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 22: The Princess Royal departed from Royal Air Force Lyneham this morning to visit Ethiopia, Eritrea, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Hong Kong.

Mrs Charles Ritchie and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs were in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 22: Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox has succeeded the Hon Mrs Rhodes as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Birthdays today

Mr Bill Alexander, theatre director, 46; Mr W.E. Allen, author, 83; the Duke of Beaufort, 66; Miss Pam Blundell, fashion designer, 27; Mr Jeremy Brooks, chairman, Price Waterhouse Europe, 55; Mr James Cousins, MP, 50; Lady Digby, 60; Lord Ezra, 75; Miss M.I. Farrer, former chairman, Central Midwives Board, 80; Mr Frank Gerstenberg, principal, George Watson's College, Edinburgh, 53; Miss Kathleen Harrison, actress, 102; Mrs Maureen Hicks, MP, 46; Mr Nicholas Kenyon, controller, BBC Radio 3, 43; Mr John Lewis, headmaster-designate, Eton College, 52; the Earl of Lincoln, 81; Mr Anton Mosimann, chef, 47; Lord St Levan, 75; Mr Colin Sanders, founder, Solid State Logic, 52; Miss Helena Sukova, tennis player, 29; Lord Tugendhat, 57; Mr David Ward, former president, Law Society, 57; Dom Aelred Watkin, former headmaster, Downside School, 76.

Today's royal engagements

The Duchess of Kent will visit Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity at Seal Street, Liverpool, at 10.00; will open Liverpool Marie Curie Centre, Speke Road, Woolton, at 10.55; will visit Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Eaton Road, Liverpool, at 12.05; and will open Mayfield Court Home for the Disabled, Yeomen's Way, at 3.15.

Memorial service

Mr James Longcroft
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr James Longcroft was held yesterday at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield. The Rev Anthony Winter and the Rev Christopher Courtauld, who also read the lesson, officiated. Mr Anthony Mayes read Alfred Lord Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar" and Mr Patrick Roney gave an address. Among others present were:

Mrs Longcroft (widow), Mr Dominic Longcroft, Mr Christopher Longcroft, Mr Nicholas Longcroft and Charles Longcroft (sons), Miss Juliet Longcroft (daughter), Mr and Mrs Peter Longcroft (brother and sister-in-law), Andrew Symington (stepson) and the Master, Clerk and members of the Founders' Company.

Receptions

British Safety Council
The Rev Martin Smyth, MP, was the host at a reception held yesterday at the House of Commons for the presentation of the British Safety Council's 5 Star Health and Safety Management System awards.

Mozart Summer Festival
Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP, President of the Mozart Summer Festival, was the host at a reception held last night at the Earls Court Exhibition Centre to launch the 1994 festival.

School news

Benenden School
Benenden School announces the following Scholarship Awards:
Sixth Form and Trust Scholarship: Ramona Pearson, Wallington High School for Girls.
Lower School Scholarships: Carolyn Behar (Minor Academic), Bute House Preparatory School for Girls: Siobhan Callaghan (Academic), Maltman's Green School: Lucy Gilbert (Academic), Garden House Prep School: Yvonne Liao (Music), Marymount Secondary School: Alice Moss (Minor Academic), Finton House School: Ellen Pooley (Trust Academic), Institut de la Vierge Fidele, Belgium: Zita Yarwood (Trust Academic), Wellesley House School.
Seniors' Scholarships: Venetia Grove, Benenden; Sarah Scott, Benenden.

The following internal Scholarships were awarded:
Sixth Form Honorary Scholarships: Maria Chan, Kathryn Good, Fiona Harriss, Caroline Langley, Sharon Low, Pippa Strong.
Upper School Scholarships: Sophie Brodie, Susanna Davidson, Helena de Chair, Emily Gore (Academic and Art), Marina Greenhalgh, Anna Jennings, Sarah Johnson (Music), Polly Riesco (Music), Sarah Scott, Sophie Urry, Maidie Yeung (Art).
The Barbara Findlay Scholarship (Academic): Georgina Dancy.

Francis Holland School, Graham Terrace
The biennial Old Girls' Party will be held on the School Birthday, March 1, 1994, from 6.00-8.00pm at the school. Any Old Girl who has not received an invitation is asked to get in touch with the school to make sure the register is accurate. RSVP Francis Holland School, 39 Graham Terrace, London, SW1W 8JF. Tel: 071-730 2971.

Moira House, Eastbourne
The Old Girls' Club
Our new Deputy Headmistress (Pastoral), Miss Trudy Why, has been appointed Secretary of the Moira House Old Girls' Club (MHOGC). An Old Girls' office has been established at the school and Trudy Why looks forward to receiving news from Old Girls as well as any enquiries regarding events of the Club. The Headmaster, Adrian Underwood, will pass on any news to Miss Why from his correspondence with our Old Girls.

Many new and exciting innovations are planned for the Club in the future including national and area gatherings, and a bi-annual newsletter (first publication February 1994).

Membership of the Club has never been easier. All current Old Girls of the school are now automatically Life Members of the Club without further subscription.

We welcome all Old Girls to our annual Old Girls' Day this year on Sunday, March 13, at the school.

For an inaugural copy of the MHOGC Newsletter and further details of Old Girls' Day, please contact Trudy Why at the school. Old Girls' secretariat telephone 0323-410442, fax 0323-649720.

Appointment

Sir Nicholas Barrington, High Commissioner to Pakistan, to be concurrently HM Ambassador (non-resident) to Afghanistan.

Luncheons

Insurance Institute of London
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr Sheriff Jeremy Gotch, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the Insurance Institute of London yesterday at the Mansion House. Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare was the principal speaker and Mr Antony Lancaster, president, presided.

Law Society
Mr Rodger Pannone, President of the Law Society, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at 60 Carey Street. Among other guests present were:
Sir Michael Angus, Sir Bob Reid, Mr Michael P Mackenzie and Mr Gareth Roscoe.

The Park Tower Luncheon Club
The Park Tower Luncheon Club held a luncheon yesterday in Restaurant 101 Knightsbridge at The Sheraton Park Tower Hotel. Mr Derek Picot, General Manager and Miss Jacqueline McCouat were the hosts and the guests were Sir David Napley, Miss Yvonne de Valera, Miss Judy Tarlo, Mr Douglas Cameron, Mr John Rendall, Mr Peter Estall and Miss Carole Stone.

Dinners

HM Government
Mr Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, was host yesterday at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Heidar Aliev, President of Azerbaijan.

United and Cecil Club
Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, was host to the United and Cecil Club at a dinner held last night at the House of Commons. Sir Marcus Fox, MP, chairman, presided. Mr John MacGregor, MP, was the principal guest and speaker and Mr Richard Hanney also spoke.

Thorney Island Society
Mr John Brooke-Little, Norroy and Ulster King of Arms, was the speaker at the Thorney Island Society dinner held last night at the Basil Street Hotel. Miss June Stubbs, chairman, presided.

The Institution of Chemical Engineers
The Annual Dinner of the Institution of Chemical Engineers was held last night at The Savoy. The President, Mr A.C. Barrell, and Council welcomed as principal guests and speakers The Hon Lord Cullen, Senator of the College of Justice and The Hon Colin Moynihan, Energy Adviser.

JOHN MANNING



A plaque to Sir Henry Newbolt, the poet who wrote *Drake's Drum* and *The Island Race*, was unveiled by Peter Newbolt, left, his grandson, and Paul Webb, an authority on Sir Henry, at his former home in west London yesterday

Flower show colours defy winter gloom

BY ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

SOME magnificent displays of early flowering shrubs, perennials and bulbs can be seen at the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show, which opened in Westminster yesterday. Despite the recent spells of hard weather, trade exhibitors have turned up in force.

Camellias, which are being shown by two specialist nurseries, are prominent. Coghurst Nursery, of Hastings, East Sussex, is featuring one of the new yellow cultivars, "Jury's Yellow", whose double pale yellow flowers are surrounded by a ring of white petals. Trehane Camellias, of Wimborne, Dorset, has brought several scented camellias, including the strongly fragrant "Spring Mist" for the cool conservatory, with double, blush-pink flowers.

More camellias, plus other early-flowering shrubs, have been staged by Burncoose and South Down Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall. They have included mimosas or acacias in their gold-medal exhibit like *Acacia riceana* with sprays of pale yellow flowers. An attractive and unusual acacia is being shown by Pleasant View Nursery, of Newton Abbot, Devon, in a collection of plants for the conservatory: *Acacia juniperina* with bright green needle-like foliage and laden with pale yellow bottlebrush flowers.

Among exhibits of hardy perennials, the Hampshire Group of the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens is showing part of the national collection of *Helleborus* (lenten roses), including some new ones raised by members of the group. Some cultivars with new flower colours like clear yellow shades are to be seen, together with double-flowered kinds, and speckled and spotted cultivars.

The NCCPG is also showing part of the national collection of *Galanthus* (snowdrops) including some of the more unusual kinds like *G.* "Greenish" whose flowers are heavily flushed with green. This exhibit has won a gold medal.

Other exhibitors of bulbs include Edrom Nursery, of Coldingham, Borders, featuring an unusual but easily grown crocus. The very deep orange *Crocus gargaricus* has a creeping method of increase (it produces stolons).

A display of floral arrangements from the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies, of London, has been also awarded a gold medal.

The British Iris Society's competition for *reticulata* irises is being held with this show. Peter Wood, of Rochester, Kent, has won the Christie-Miller American Iris Society medal trophy for most points, and the BIS mini Peckham cup for three pots of *Iris reticulata* hybrids, blue "Natasha", violet "Joyce" and purple "J. S. Dijt".

The recent hard weather has hit the RHS ornamental plants competition, which is poorly supported. Mrs E. Bullivant, of Warminster, Wiltshire, has scooped most of the first prizes. Among her early flowering shrubs are several ornamental currants, including *Ribes laurifolium* and *R. praecox*.

There is also a display of botanical paintings and photographs at this show. Gold-medal winners are Jenny Brasier, of Sidmouth, Devon (watercolour paintings of fruit); Dr Andrew Brown, of London (watercolour paintings of *Compositae*); Katherine Pickles, of St Ola, Orkney (watercolour paintings of flowers); Siriol Sherlock, of Romsey, Hampshire (watercolour paintings of orchids and tropical foliage plants); and Wendy F. Walsh (watercolour paintings of trees).

The show, in the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.G. Berry and Miss E.J. Barker
The engagement is announced between Richard Gomer, son of the late Hon Denis and Mrs Berry, and Elizabeth Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Barker, of Ampthill, Bedfordshire.

Mr P.J.J. Czernin and Miss L.S. Wright
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr Joseph and the Hon Mrs Czernin, of London, and Lucinda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Wright, of Great Wilbraham, Cambridgeshire.

Mr R.H. Durowse and Miss J.T. Peters
The engagement is announced between Roger Henry, only son of Mr and Mrs H.R. Durowse, of Wrangaton, Devon, and Joanna Trevenen, only daughter of the late Mr R.T. Peters and of Mrs S.M. Peters, of Brentwood, Essex.

Mr D.S. Foord and Miss C.M.M. Pollett
The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Mr Charles Foord and of Mrs Audrey Chilcott, of Bristol, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Pollett, of Beeston, Nottinghamshire.

Mr P.C. Hollamby and Miss H. Killow
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs B.G. Hollamby, of Glinton, Cambridgeshire, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.L. Killow, of Clanfield, Oxfordshire.

Mr J.J. de Lavison and Miss V.L. Bishop
The engagement is announced between Justin John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Douglas de Lavison, of Alresford, Hampshire, and Victoria Louise, only daughter of the late Mr Euston Bishop and of Mrs Shirley Bishop, of Chisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr H.R.L. Parker and Miss C.M. Heelas
The engagement is announced between Hugo, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs John Parker, of Higham, Suffolk, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Heelas, of Warborough, Oxfordshire.

Dr M.A. Rossiter and Mrs C. Jarvis
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Rossiter, of Arkley, Hertfordshire, and Catherine Jarvis, née Jenkins, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alvin Phillips, of Kilgetty, Dyfed.

Mr W. Sacharov and Miss S.C. Cherry
The engagement is announced between William, son of Michael and Olga Sacharov, of Melbourne, Australia, and Stephanie Claire, daughter of David and Wendy Cherry, of Milton-under-Wychwood, Oxon.

Mr M.J.R. Stevens and Miss A. Toyoda
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Roddy Stevens, of Shoreham, Sussex, and Annette, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jerry Toyoda, of Richmond BC, Canada.

Mr J. Sweet-Escott and Miss G.L. Kempson
The engagement is announced between John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Sweet-Escott, of Stoke Abbott, Dorset, and Giselle, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Kempson, of St Brelade, Jersey.

Marriage

Mr A.S.R. Bateson and Miss M.D. Thompson
The marriage has taken place between Mr Richard Bateson, only son of the late Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs David Bateson, of Malpas, Cheshire, and Miss Diane Thompson, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Thompson, of Alnwick, Northumberland.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
Surgeon Rear Admiral A.L. Revell to be promoted Surgeon Vice Admiral and to be Surgeon General in succession to Lieutenant General Sir Peter Beale in August 1994.

The Army
BRIGADIER: I P Inshaw - To be Comdt HQ Bicester Gar and BOD Bicester, 21.2.94; D H Coombe - To RAMC Trg Gp and HQ RAMC, 21.2.94.
COLONEL: A M H Joscelyne - To MOD, 21.2.94; H Bentley-Marchant - To HQ BFHK, 26.2.94.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: M H Anderson RA - To HQ Land-southeast (BAE), 21.2.94; J E Middlelitch AAC - To MOD, 21.2.94; P J Taylorson RLC - To be Comdt Pet Cen Dep HQ, 21.2.94; J C Miller RLC - To be CO Cat Sp Regt, 21.2.94; J Sands RS - To Sch of Inf (Warminster) HQ, 21.2.94; C G Baity RAMC - To 24 (Airmob) Fd Amb, 21.2.94.
Retirement
BRIGADIER: J H Almonds Late R Signals, 21.2.94.

Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAIN: J A McLoughlin - To MOD 25.2.94; M A M Kidd - To HQ 1 Gp 25.2.94; S R C Dougherty - To PM RAF Hosp Halton 21.2.94.
WING COMMANDER: D J Hodge - To Euro Plans Brussels 31.1.94; A R Brown - To SO Fighter Ops HQ Aircent 7.2.94; J R Long - To RAF Sigs Eng Estab 21.2.94.

Service dinner

HMS Victory
Admiral Sir John Kerr, Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command, and Lady Kerr were the hosts at a dinner held last night on board HMS *Victory*. Sir John and Lady Alliot, Sir Robin and Lady Butler and Admiral Sir Jock and Lady Slater were the principal guests.

Medical Benefit/ Risk Foundation

Lord Walton of Detchant was host at the official launch of the Medical Benefit/Risk Foundation held in the House of Lords on February 22, 1994. Sir William Asscher, Dr Andrei Calin and Professor Michael Rawlins also spoke. Amongst those present were:
Dr G R Barker, Dr J. Barnard, Professor A J Bellingham, Sir Douglas Black, Sir James Black, Professor C J Bulpitt, Dr G Burton, Dr W M Castle, Dr E Callinska, Dr G Counts, Sir Colin Dolley, Dr A C Donald, Dr D P Doogan, Sir Michael Drury, Lord Ennals, Ms Diana Garnham, Professor A M Geddes, Dr B A Gennery, Dr D R Glover, Dr L Herrero, Lord Hunter of Newington, Dr R A L Hon, Dr R E Kendell, Sir Robert Kilpatrick, Dr K Kryzywicki, Professor D London, Lady Lovell-Davies, Dr R D Mann, Mr P Martin, Lord McColl of Dulwich, Mr C Medawar, Sir Duncan Nichol, Dr P A Nicholson, Professor M J Peckham, Professor D Peswillo, Mr S Siddall, Dr J Stewart, Professor P D Stonier, Professor S R Walker, Dr V S Whitmarsh, Mr R Whitney, MP, Dr S Wood, Mr N Wood and Dr J H Young.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Samuel Pepys, diarist, London, 1633; George Frederick Handel, composer, Halle, Germany, 1685; Meyer Rothschild, banker, Frankfurt, 1743; John Walter II, chief proprietor of *The Times* 1812-47, London, 1776.
DEATHS: Sir Joshua Reynolds, 1st President of the Royal Academy 1768-92, London, 1792; John Keats, poet, Rome, 1821; Thomas Woodrow Wilson, 28th American President, Washington, 1924; Sir Edward Elgar, composer, 1934; Stan Laurel (né Arthur Stanley Jefferson), comedian, Santa Monica, California, 1965; L.S. Lowry, painter, Glossop, Derbyshire, 1976; Sir Adrian Boult, conductor, Kent, 1983.

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You are my hope, Lord God, my trust since my childhood. On you I have learned from birth.
Psalm 71:5,6 (REB)

BIRTHS

CAMPBELL - On 20th February 1994, to Keith and Tony, a daughter, Eleanor Mary Elizabeth.

DAVISON - Of Brancepeth, to Karen and Philip, a son, Edward Philip, a brother for Alexandra. Thank you God!

DODD - On February 11th, to Elizabeth (née Parratt) and Nigel, a daughter, Jessamy Kate.

DORMOR - On 6th February at home, to Catherine and Duncan, a beautiful daughter, Naomi Sarah, a sister for Hannah.

DUNN - On 8th February 1994, to Andrew and Romy (née Weir), a son, Alastair Charles Hugh, a brother for Mhairi and Saskia.

EVENS - On 14th February 1994, to Janis (née Backholer) and Jonathan, a son, David.

FARNDALE - On February 21st at Winchester, to Richard and Charlotte, a son, James Martin Richard.

GOLDIE-SCOT - On February 14th, to Gillian (née Aspery) and Neil, a daughter, Freya Elizabeth, a sister for Angus.

GOLDMAN - On February 20th at the Wellington Hospital, to Olivia and Neil, a beautiful daughter, Talia, a sister for Aura.

HARLEY - On February 15th 1994, to Clare (née Tucker) and Stuart, a son, Edward Thomas William.

HOLLIS - On February 5th, at the Corniche Hospital, Abu Dhabi, to Anna (née de Selincourt) and Matthew, a daughter, Nathalie Verity Seymour, a sister for Christopher.

KEZOUREC-THOM - At The Portland Hospital, a son to Denise and David, Oliver William James born February 19th at 1807.

LE FANU - On 5th January, to Kathleen (née Despichi) and Hugh, a son, Stephen William, a brother for Philip.

LOVELACE/GUILLOU - On Saturday 5th February, to Viviane and Colin, at Sarengo, Switzerland, a baby girl, Claire Hannah, a beautiful sister for Mathieu.

MOORE - On February 11th 1994, to Juliet (née Smith) and Simon, a son, Edward Alick George.

BIRTHS

ROONEY - On 20th February, to Jenny and Ben, a daughter, Cecily Katherine Maria, a sister for Hugo.

RUSSELL - On 17th February 1994, to Caroline (née Grant) and Hugo, a son, Arthur Donald Anthony, a brother for Catherine.

SCHAFFER - On February 8th, to Diane and Jonathan, a daughter, Natalie Tarryn, a sister for Paul and Louise.

SPILLER - On January 19th, to Angela (née Cooper) and John, a daughter, Grace Frances Irene, a sister for Dominic.

TREVALDWYN - On February 14th, to Susan (née Kirby) and Julian, a son, Harry David, a brother for Jack.

WESTWELL - Stephen and Susan Westwell of Bakers Keep, 3 White Hart Lane, Haddenham, Bucks, HP17 8BB, are proud to announce the birth of their first grandchild a beautiful baby boy, his name is Morgan Thompson, he was born on 10th February 1994, his weight at birth was 7lbs 9oz. Proud parents Nick and Stacey of Wesham Hall, Wesham, Lancashire. A nephew for Simon.

WOOLGAR - On February 19th 1994, to Mary-Claire (née Mole) and Dermot, a daughter, Isabel Laura Rose.

DEATHS

BARRETT - Daisy Alice Lewezer, peacefully during night of Sunday February 20th. Reunited with husband Clive and son Alan. Mourned by son John and all relatives and friends. R.I.P. Funeral at North Sheen Cemetery, Lower Richmond Road, Richmond, Surrey, on Wednesday March 2nd at 2.30 pm. Flowers to Ballards, 308 Old Brompton Road, London, before midday please.

DEATHS

SIDMEAD - On February 20th 1994, peacefully at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Leslie Stuart aged 88. Beloved husband of Elsie, dearly loved father of Patricia, Wendy and Sandra and a very special grandpa. Service at St Peter's Church, Hersham, Surrey, on Tuesday March 1st at 11 am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the Intensive Care Unit St Peter's Hospital c/o Lodge Brothers F/D, 7 Green Lane, Shepperton, Middx. tel: (0932) 220081.

BLAIR IMRIE - On February 22nd 1994, at home, Meg, widow of Lt. Col. Hew Blair Imrie, a generous, loving and much loved mother, grandmother and friend, aged 80. Service at Ednell/Lethnot Parish Church on Friday February 25th at 3 pm, preceded by a private burial at Arbuthnott. Family flowers only.

BURNETT - John Parry of Lympne, on February 19th, peacefully, aged 86. Much loved husband of Mari for 53 years, brother of George and the late Joyce Adams. Funeral on Friday 25th February followed by private cremation. Flowers and enquiries to Chiffendens, Windmill Street, Hythe. tel: (0303) 262762.

BUTLER - Peacefully on 22nd February, Ronald Austen Dunsten M.B.E., aged 86 years, known as "Flags" or "B" Formerly with the Bank of England and Elder Sergeant of the Pikemen and Musketeers for the H.A.C. Much loved father of Ann and stepfather of Frances. Private service only at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Friday 25th February at 1.30 pm. No flowers but donations if desired to the Friends of Leatherhead Hospital or the R.N.L.I. c/o A & E Longhurst, 21-23 Kingston Road, Ewell, Surrey.

CASSELS - Dorothy Fraser, widow of Major J.S. Cassels, M.C., The Royal Sussex Regiment; peacefully, aged 91; formerly of Barns Green, Horsham; much loved sister of Denise Hickman and aunt of Frank Haddock.

DEATHS

CHILD - Molly on February 18th very suddenly but peacefully after an illness fought with courage and dignity. Much loved and loving wife, mother, grandmother. Funeral at Croydon Crematorium on Monday February 28th at 1pm. Spring flowers only or if desired donations for St Christopher's Hospice to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon CR0 1LD.

CHOMET - On February 19th, Dr. Jane, passed away after a long battle against a rare form of cancer, aged 59. Cherished wife, mother, doctor, teacher and joy of life for husband Danny Falkner and children David, Ann and William. A pioneering doctor, she distinguished herself in preventative screening programmes for cancer, asthma and other conditions. No flowers please, but donations to the Daniel Falkner Charitable Trust c/o Julian Chomet, 118 Clapham Common Westside, London SW4 9BA.

CLAESSENS - Rudolph Richard (Dick), on Friday 18th February. Loved by Marion and sons Henry and William and daughter-in-law Pat. Funeral Service at Salisbury Crematorium on Monday 28th February 1994 at 3 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Salisbury Hospice Care Trust c/o I.N. Newman Ltd. Funeral Directors, Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury, Wilts.

COLLINGRIDGE - On 21st February, peacefully, Barrie John O.B.E. Beloved husband of Ann and father of Belinda and Lucinda and much loved grandfather. Funeral at St Mary's Church, West Horsley, on Tuesday 1st March at 2.15 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Princess Alice Hospice c/o James and Thomas Ltd., F/D, 48 East Lane, West Horsley, Surrey KT24 6HQ.

DEATHS

CROWE - Mary Elizabeth, on February 20th, aged 82, suddenly and peacefully at Penbury Hospital. Much loved mother of Frances, John, Richard, Sarah, Judith and Alison. Service of Remembrance at St Mary's Church, Church Road, Barnes, at 3 pm on Monday 28th February. No flowers but donations, if desired, to Children's Unit Fund, Royal Marsden Hospital, Downs Road, Sutton, Surrey.

DESCH - Rosalind Cecily, of Richmond, Surrey, on 20th February, aged 80. Former head of The Study, Wimbledon. Loved and missed by all. Funeral private. Memorial Service to be announced. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to Star and Garter Home, Richmond.

DOUBLEDAY - Peacefully at Gatwick Park Hospital, Winifred Mary aged 89 of Walton Heath Manor R/H. Beloved wife of the late Ernest Doubleday, loving mother of John, dear grandmother of Mark, Pippa and Kate, great-grandmother of Charlotte. Funeral Service at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, near Crawley, on Friday 25th February at 10.15 am. Family flowers only.

ELLERTON - On February 18th 1994, after a long illness borne with tremendous courage, David Ross Dunphy, beloved husband of Prue and dearly loved by his children John, Anne and Rose and by all his grandchildren. Private cremation.

HOEY - On 21st February, peacefully at Elbank Nursing Home, Patrick Albert, aged 85 years. Dear brother of the late Frankie, also brother-in-law of the late John Mawdesley. Sadly missed by his nephew and nieces and dear friend of John, Joan and Betty. Funeral Service Thursday 24th at 9.45 am, Putney Vale Crematorium. Enquiries and flowers to E. Larner & Son, 246 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, SW15. tel: (081) 788-2942.

MANNERS - Formerly Espen nee Heller, Aline Octavia, peacefully in nursing home, 20th February, aged 86. Mother of John, grandmother of Wendy, Fiona, Polly and William. Cremation at Yeovil Crematorium, Somerset, 11.30 am 28th February.

DEATHS

MacLEOD - Early on Friday 18th February at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Angus Latimer MacLeod, M.B.E., (Mil.), only son of the late Willfrid Angus and Blanche Victoria MacLeod. Funeral Service at 12 noon on Monday 28th February at St Columba's Church, Pont Street, SW1. No flowers by request.

MARROW - On February 21st, peacefully, Rev. Canon Peter Marrow aged 81 years. Much loved husband of Barbara, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Broadwater Church, Worthing, on Monday 28th February at 2 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The Alzheimer's Society c/o Viner and Sons F/D, 54 High Street, West Malling, Kent ME19 6LU, tel: (0732) 842685.

MAXWELL - On 19th February 1994 after a short illness, Sir Robert Hugh K.B.E., dearly loved husband of Mary, father of Robert and James. Funeral Service to be held at the Church of St Peter and Paul, Charlton Adam, at 2.30 pm on Friday 25th February. Donations if desired for St Margaret's Hospice, Taunton, Somerset, may be sent to Leonard E. Smith Funeral Directors, 1 Haydon Road, Taunton.

McNEIL - Reginald Turner, while on holiday in Australia on 21st February. Loving husband, father, stepfather and grandfather. Private cremation. Memorial Service to be announced.

MIDDLEHURST - On February 22nd, peacefully in Wimbledon. Frank, aged 78, beloved husband of Bridget and much loved father and grandfather to his sons and grandchildren. Requiem at Sacred Heart Church, Edgehill, Wimbledon, Friday 25th February at 11.15 am.

MILLS - On February 20th, peacefully, Rosemary, widow of the Reverend Arthur William Mills and mother of Christopher. Funeral Service at St Michael & All Angels, Thursley, Surrey, on Tuesday March 1st at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to M.S. Society c/o J Gorringe & Son Funeral Directors, 55 Hare Lane, Godalming, Surrey, tel: (04683) 416403.

DEATHS

ROBERTS - On February 20th peacefully in hospital, Fairbank aged 87 years, of Bradford, West Yorkshire. The beloved husband of the late Jessie Roberts, dearly loved father of Anthea and the much loved grandad of Emma and Kate. All enquiries to Frank Cooper Funeral Directors, tel: (0274) 720833.

RUDGARD - On 22nd February, peacefully in hospital, aged 88 years, Nellie Rudgard, beloved wife of Guy and mother of Christopher and Humphrey. Funeral Service at Vinters Park Crematorium, Maidstone, on Monday 28th February at 1 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The Alzheimer's Society c/o Viner and Sons F/D, 54 High Street, West Malling, Kent ME19 6LU, tel: (0732) 842685.

SANDERS - Grace Lilian (née Barker), beloved daughter of Beatrice Annie Barker and Army Surgeon Arthur Barker, niece of Irene Maud Walters (née Sargent), married to Walter William Edwards of Ware, Herts., issuing Benjamin, Ronald and Norman. Died peacefully in Worthing 3rd February 1994 and cremated 10th February 1994, aged 96 years, after a life of service to Doctors' families.

SHERLER - On Thursday February 17th 1994, Olivia E née Collard, aged 87 years. Lovingly cared for at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, Kent, on Cray Ward. Beloved mama of John Avalon and Patsy Diana. Widow of William Maurice. Grandmama of Laurie, Paul and Alexandra, sister of Muriel, Nina, Cicely, Richard and Robert "Bob". Funeral at St John's Church, The Green, Sidcup, on Friday 25th February at 11.15 then at Eltham Crematorium at 12 noon and afterwards at The Clarendon Hotel, Blackheath Village, London SE3. Flowers to Francis Chappell & Son, (081) 300-4661.

SLATER - Peacefully at her home on Saturday 19th February, Nancy Grace, aged 86, beloved mother of Anne, Veronica, Diana and John and very dearly loved gran and great-gran. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Hornell, at 12.30 pm on Monday 28th February; enquiries to Woking Funeral Service, tel: (04853) 772266.

DEATHS

WHITE - Professor H.P. (Pat), peacefully at home on Monday 21st February. Beloved husband of Jean, dear father of Sarah, Mary and James and a much loved grandfather. No Memorial Service. Funeral 11 am Tuesday 1st March, St Mary's, Godmanchester. No flowers. Donations to National Federation of Far Eastern Prisoners of War Clubs & Associations c/o D.J. Few, 3 Church Lane, Elsworth, Cambridge CB3 8HU.

WINCHESTER - Ian Sinclair C.M.G., on 20th February 1994 aged 62, peacefully at Nanna in Dulwich, London after a brave fight against cancer. Much loved husband of Shirley and father of Charles, Andrew and Robert. Funeral Service at Beckenham Crematorium, Kent, on Tuesday 1st March at 3 pm. Enquiries to Kellaways Funeral Directors, tel: (081) 693-2698. Donations to Cancer Research, St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham or Thames Reach.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

HOWARD - Barrington Stockwell. The funeral arrangements for Friday 25th February have now been changed to Friday 4th March 1 pm East Sheen Cemetery.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LEAN - A Service of Thanksgiving for Garth D. Lean will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, on Thursday 10th March at 12 noon. All are welcome.

PEARCE - Dr. John D.W., Consultant Psychiatrist at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, from 1948-1969, will be held in the Hospital Chapel on Wednesday 9th March 1994 at 2.30 pm.

POWER - A Memorial Service for Eugene Barnum Power, Hon. K.B.E., Honorary Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge, Founder of the Pewter Scholarships, will be held on Saturday 5th March 1994 in the College Chapel at 2.30 pm.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

HENSEY - Peter J. died tragically in Canterbury, 23rd February 1984. Remembered with love everyday. Mary.

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OBITUARIES

LORD LINDSAY OF BIRKER

Lord Lindsay of Birker, Professor of Far Eastern Studies at the American University, Washington, 1959-74, and who earlier served with the Chinese Communist forces during the Second World War, died in Washington on February 13 aged 84. He was born in England on February 24, 1909.

MICHAEL LINDSAY was one of the most independent-minded China specialists in the West. Although never a party member himself, he regarded the Communist guerrillas as the only credible opposition to the Japanese, the horrors of whose occupation he had seen at first hand. He, therefore, aided — and then served with — the Communists from 1938 to 1945. In the process, he came to know most of the Communist Party's top leaders, including Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai.

In the 1950s he became an outspoken critic of the Communist regime's *doctrinaire thinking and was prevented from visiting China until 1973.* From 1983, with the rise of China's pragmatic leader Deng Xiaoping, Lindsay's relations with China improved. In 1987 a Peking publishing house released a Chinese edition of his book of reminiscences, *The Unknown War: North China 1937-45*, first published in 1975. Wartime photographs of Lindsay with his radio equipment now hang in the history museums in Peking and he can be found in the "international friends" sections of most recent Chinese histories of the war against Japan in north China.

Michael Francis Morris Lindsay was educated at Gresham's School, Holt, and Balliol College, Oxford, where the Master was his father, the philosopher A. D. Lindsay (who in 1945, at the nomination of the Labour Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, became the 1st Baron Lindsay of Birker). After an Oxford degree in PPE, the young Lindsay embarked on graduate studies in economics at Cambridge and Vienna. He arrived in Peking in early 1938, the year after the formal declaration of hostilities between China and Japan, to work at an American missionary institution, *Yenching University. Here he was to* establish an Oxford-style tutorial programme.



Michael Lindsay, seated, during a radio engineering course for Chinese Communist troops

Inevitably, he also found himself drawn into the war. After a trip to the *countryside in the summer of 1938, he* began supplying a Chinese guerrilla unit, operating in the unoccupied area outside the city, with medicines and radio parts. As a foreigner, who was not searched at the gates of Peking, he was in an ideal position to purchase these in the Japanese-governed capital for the the benefit of the rebel forces. Fearing that the labels on the bottles would incriminate his suppliers if the items were ever intercepted by the Japanese, he recruited one of his students, Li Hsiao Li, to help re-label everything going to the Communists. A romance blossomed. In June 1941 Lindsay married Li who came from a prominent military family in Western Shansi. By this time he had also had a brief assignment at the British embassy in Chongqing.

On the morning of December 8, 1941, Lindsay was back at Yenching University, when he heard a German language radio bulletin about the Pearl Harbor attack. Rightly fearing *that the university would now lose its* extra-territorial status, he immediately set in motion a long-planned escape from Peking to a Communist-controlled zone outside the city. Ten minutes after he and his wife's flight, the Kempetai arrived at their house.

After hiking into the Western Hills outside Peking, they met the Chinese troops Lindsay had been supplying. The Lindsays spent the next two-and-a-half years with the Communist guerrillas in the Shanxi-Chahar-Hebei border region, where Lindsay, an avid amateur radio technician, taught radio engineering classes to the troops. The work involved frequent night marches through wild mountain country.

In May 1944, the Lindsays moved to the Communist army's headquarters at Yan'an. Lindsay accepted General Zhu De's invitation to become an officer in the Communists' 18th Group Army Communications Department and helped to construct a powerful transmitter *which could reach India to the west* and San Francisco to the east.

After the Japanese surrender he and his wife travelled with their then two infants back to the Master's lodgings at Balliol. His family stayed with the senior Lindsays while he established his academic career. He held appointments at Harvard and University College, Hull, before becoming senior fellow at the Australian National University from 1951 until 1959. After that, until his retirement in 1975, he was a professor and chairman of the Far East Programme at the American University in Washington. His writings included *Notes On Education Problems In Communist China, 1941-47* (1950), *Is Peaceful Co-Existence Possible?* (1960), and *China: A Handbook* (1973).

In his 1955 book, China and The Cold War, he summarised his recurring theme when he wrote that "the Chinese Communists did a very good job when they used their common sense, and a much less good job when they acted according to orthodox Communist theory, or tried to follow *Soviet practice." In other words, the* Communists ought to have concentrated on the tasks of liberating the country from Japanese occupation, defeating the forces of Chiang Kai-shek and building the economy.

The Lindsays returned to China in 1949, after the Communist victory, and again in 1954, when they were official interpreters for a Labour Party delegation led by Clement Attlee. But it was hardly surprising that the Chinese authorities should look askance at Lindsay's public criticisms of their rigid ideology. In 1958 they were refused visas to spend a sabbatical year in China and *committed the cardinal sin of staying* instead in Taiwan. When they next visited China in 1973 they were appalled by the atmosphere of repression they found, and returned to the United States, stirring up much controversy with their denunciations of the "Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution" — then fashionable among many young Chinese scholars in the West.

In his final years Lindsay became far more sympathetic to the Chinese regime and was received as a wartime hero. During this time he continued to live in Washington but regularly visited the family's summer *home in Cumbria. He occasionally* spoke in the House of Lords, especially to urge the Government to fulfil its responsibilities to the citizens of Hong Kong. He aligned himself with Labour and later with the SDP.

The Lindsay family embodied an extraordinary mixture of the best of Scottish, Oxonian, and Chinese cultures. The liberalism, dogged independence of mind and quiet self-confidence of Balliol (and of the Lindsays' roots in Scotland and in the Lake District), combined with Chinese traditions — the love of family, care for elders, and loyalty to friends. The Lindsays' eldest child Erica, who had spent her infant years with the Chinese guerrillas and who died in 1993, lived with them for many years. Michael Lindsay is survived by his wife, their younger daughter Mary and son James — an Australian diplomat stationed in Islamabad — who inherits the peerage.

FRANK DOLLING

Frank Dolling, OBE, DFM, former chairman of Barclays Bank International, died on January 30 aged 71. He was born on January 21, 1923.



FRANK DOLLING capped his career by being the first "overseas man" to assume the chairmanship of Barclays Bank International.

Trained in colonial banking with Barclays Bank (Dominion, Colonial & Overseas) in the West Indies and Africa he became a truly international banker as chairman of Barclays Bank International and of Barclays Merchant Bank (now part of BZW) and deputy chairman of Barclays Bank.

Dolling only came into banking after the Second World War. He bluffed his way into the RAF in 1940 when under age for flying training. His outstanding bravery as a Pathfinder pilot earned him a DFM as a sergeant pilot. Commissioned in May 1943, he was shot down in September of that year and fell from 17,000 feet to 1,000 feet before his parachute opened. He remained a prisoner until the end of the war, perfecting his *French during that time — an* achievement which contributed to his success in the immediate postwar years in investigating the fate of missing fliers and carrying out research into war crimes, for which he was made OBE.

Joining "DCO" in 1947, he was posted to the West Indies and subsequently worked in *Nigeria, Ghana and the Sudan.* He made his breakthrough into the upper reaches of the bank as a result of his outstanding performance as a branch banker in Kano, where he was at ease with all the ramifications of a very large produce lending book. For several years he ran Barclays business in Ghana, *and then the Sudan, before* returning to London where he was concerned particularly with the bank's expansion into the Americas.

Subsequently he went to South Africa where he was for several years general manager and then managing director, during which time he was responsible for remarkable successes in the bank's fortunes, including an important and profitable move into consumer finance.

Dolling returned to London in 1976 becoming a group vice-chairman (virtual finance director). *From 1983 to 1985 he* was deputy chairman of Barclays and finally, in 1985, chairman of what was by this time Barclays Bank International.

Although Dolling had to wait some time before he broke through into the higher ranks, once there his merits as a first-class practical banker *ensured that he pressed on* right to the top. Combined with his intense professionalism, Frank Dolling's modesty, subtle sense of humour and flow of stories endeared him to all his colleagues.

He faced years of pain, before and following his retirement, with great courage and stoicism, firmly supported *by his wife Sue,* who survives him with their two daughters.

ANN ARGYLE

Ann Argyle, whippet breeder and horsewoman, died in *Mansfield on February 11* aged 70. She was born in Littleover, Derbyshire, on March 4, 1923.

ANN ARGYLE's career as a judge of canine excellence reached its peak when she awarded the Best in Show at Crufts in 1992. That she gave the prize to a whippet took *some courage on her part for* she also happened to be one of the country's top whippet breeders, turning out a string of winners from her Harque kennels in Nottinghamshire. The best of these was Champion Harque the Lark which held the breed record in the early 1970s, having won 15 of the Kennel Club's Challenge Certificates.

Ann Argyle loved country life and saw London as a necessary evil, to be borne occasionally only in the interests of the Kennel Club. *In her* youth she had been a fearless horsewoman, particularly on the field — she rode mostly with the Meynell hunt in Derbyshire — and claimed to have broken every bone in her body from falls at one time or another, including her back at a point-to-point at Fradley before the war. Fortunately, *the ambulance men who* found her were used to dealing with such injuries at the local pits.

Ann Norah Newton, as she was born, was the daughter of an electrical engineer who made his fortune by importing the first Swedish Aga cookers into the country. Her mother's family, the Eastwoods, owned *the village of Littleover in* Derbyshire. Ann was tutored



privately at home — Hilton House in Derbyshire — but from the age of ten, when she *began breaking in and selling* ponies, it was plain to everyone what shape her life would take. Her parents gave her a string of hunters, and she rode *regularly in point-to-points* and show jumping competitions including the Royal International Horse Show.

Until the war, the Jockey Club had not allowed women to work in racing yards but, with the advent of conscription, stables around the country were beginning to face a bleak and lean future. So it *was that in 1940 Ann was* allowed to join Captain (later Sir) Cecil Boyd-Rochfort's trainer's premises at Newmarket as a stable girl. When Boyd-Rochfort saw how well she could ride, he quickly extended her duties to riding the lead horse on training exercises for his classic contenders.

Horses continued to be the centre of her life until 1951 when she married Michael Argyle, a practising barrister on the Midlands Circuit and *later a judge. Then she* stopped hunting to bring up their three daughters and, at their home in Fiskerton, Nottinghamshire, began breeding cattle, pigs, horses and dogs. The house had its own stable yard and land, which was converted into the Harque kennels and which turned out the famous whippets and also *deerhounds, dachshunds and* terriers. Ann Argyle took on more judging at the same time. Professionally, she was known for concentrating solely on the animal, and never "judging the other end of the lead".

Her involvement with the Kennel Club became more serious after her husband, a *member, successfully moved* the motion at the AGM in 1979 that women become full members (for the previous 80 years they had had to be content with the Ladies' Branch of the Kennel Club).

She was one of the first three women elected to the general committee that year, a post she held until her death. She also *had spells on the disciplinary,* finance and general purposes committees and on the club committee itself, of which she was chairman. She also sat on the council of Guide Dogs for the Blind and started the local branch of Riding for the Disabled in Southwell. Later on, she was in great demand as an after-dinner speaker.

Almost two years ago, when cancer was first diagnosed, Ann Argyle's doctors gave her six months to live. It appealed to her robust sense of humour that she managed to false-foot *the medical profession for so* long and to carry on working to the end. She is survived by her husband and their three daughters.

LEWIS BODDINGTON

Lewis Boddington, CBE, government engineer at the Royal Aircraft *Establishment,* Farnborough, died on January 7 aged 86. He was born on November 13, 1907.



Before the angled flight deck: a Sea Fury of the Royal Netherlands Navy bursts into flames after hitting the crash barrier on HMS *Illustrious*, 1953

LEWIS BODDINGTON was closely involved with all the important developments in the design of the angled aircraft carrier flight decks which *were needed to accommodate* the high-performance aircraft that entered the Royal Navy in the two decades after the war. These included jet fighters like the Sea Hawk and Sea Venom, which were followed by the Sea Vixen and Scimitar.

Their much higher weights and landing speeds rendered obsolete the method by which *aircraft were guided by a* landing signals officer waving "bats" to fly straight at the wake of the carrier onto the flight deck, catching an arrester wire with a tail-hook. Even with the slower propeller driven aircraft, failure to catch a wire inevitably meant a collision with hydraulically raised wire barriers designed to protect the "deck park" of other aircraft which had already landed and been moved forward.

Such collisions damaged many aircraft and were occasionally fatal to the air crew. This happened especially after a major misjudgment, perhaps at night, caused an aircraft to bounce over the barriers into the deck park, wrecking more aircraft. In addition, in the era of propeller driven aircraft using high octane fuel the risk of serious fires was an ever present *nightmare.*

As head of the Naval Aircraft Department at the Royal Aeronautical Establishment, Farnborough, Boddington undertook *the realisation of a* bright idea of Captain (later Rear-Admiral) Dennis Campbell who had suggested in 1951 that aircraft approaches could be angled to such a degree that those which failed to catch an arrester wire could "bolt" under reapplied throttle over the port bow. Combined with a gyro-stabilised mirror landing sight which continuously indicated the correct glide path, the jet pilot could now maintain a steady approach speed and a direction which gave him a clear escape, avoiding the deck park.

Although the US Navy was the first to exploit this British invention, by the late 1950s all the Royal Navy's carriers had an angled deck, the degree of angle varying between 8.5 and 5.5 degrees, depending upon the class of ship and whether a conversion or newly-built.

Complementary to these improvements was another British invention, a steam-driven catapult powerful enough to launch the heaviest naval aircraft. Under Boddington's leadership, the Naval Aircraft Department solved a fundamental design problem: a seal which would retain the steam inside the ram, yet allow the passage of the catapult shoe along its lengthy groove. Boddington's fine work in integrating these and other developments to produce the modern carrier flight deck and *its operating methods earned* him the Royal Aeronautical Society's Bronze Medal in 1953, a prize of £1,500 from the Admiralty and the Medal of Freedom from the Americans. *He was appointed CBE in* 1956.

Lewis Boddington joined Farnborough in 1936 having been educated at Lewis School, Pengam, Cardiff Technical College and University College, Cardiff, rising to the post of Director-General of Aircraft Research and Development. In November 1960 *he left to become a director of* Westland, finally retiring in 1972.

He was married in 1936 to Morfydd Murray.

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You have had so many details of an official or expert character about the contents of the sepulchral chamber that it may be interesting to know how it strikes the ordinary layman. Today I asked one with no pretensions to scientific knowledge who has seen the chamber how the sights impressed him. He replied — "It was easily the most wonderful experience of my whole life. What must have been the sensations of those who went in first, when all was dark. I cannot imagine. Now all is brilliantly lighted with, I understand, 2,000-candle-power lamps. It is quite a job going in, because the floor of the sepulchral chamber is three feet or more below the level of the floor of the antechamber, so you must be helped through a hole. It is worse getting out, but Mr. Callender, a good able-bodied man, was there to help. The lower part of the outer canopy, or tabernacle, has been cased in wood for protection, with, I understand, cotton-wool behind the wood. Even so you have to be very careful not to touch, and I was very much afraid of doing some damage. The chamber must be about thirteen feet high. The canopy is at least ten feet in height. The light flashes along the gold and blue surface most brilliantly, and makes the painting on the walls, which are coarse and much stained, stand out vividly. But what outshines everything is the beautiful shrine. The four figures are lovely, as they stand with their outstretched arms protecting the shrine and their faces turned to you with the most pitiful and reproachful expression, as if begging you not to come near. The next most striking object is, perhaps, the great model of a jackal with drooping tail, squatting on some sort of platform on poles. Then there is the great bull's head and numbers of model boats. The shape of the boats is the same at both ends, with a high, spreading figurehead arrangement, and this makes it difficult to tell which is bow and which is stern. All the boats are most beautifully modelled and painted. But the sight of the whole interior is too gorgeous for description. Most of the gold, I suppose, is only gilded wood, but the whole effect is sumptuous and unforgettable." Today has again been taken up with visitors to the tomb, a large number of whom, in spite of an unpleasant wind, which later developed into a sandstorm, made their way up the valley, some being rewarded with a special visit to the workshop.

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The future's coming faster than you think: a consumer's guide to the brave new media world

Thousands of TV channels — and print your own paper

Communicopia (a term coined by the investment bank Goldman Sachs) describes the cornucopia of new information, entertainment and communications services. I am broadening its use to cover the multimedia world, the global teleputing village — the digital Utopia. Sir Thomas More wrote *Utopia* in 1516 (in the then global language of the intellectuals, Latin). What might Communicopia look like 500 years later, in 2016?

Well before then all communication will be digital (other than the face-to-face technology known as speaking). Words, numbers, voice, music, still pictures, moving pictures will all be in bits and bytes. These digital bits will whiz around the world in compressed form on super-highways with no effective limits on capacity. Some super-highways will be fibre-optic for video, others will be sent through the air for voice — a reversal, predicted by futurologist Nicholas Negroponte of the MIT Media Lab, of the current situation.

> Any movie ever made can be called up at home

The digits will arrive at their destinations and will be processed on incredibly powerful computers linked to domestic high-quality printers and other domesticated machines. If you want a "book", your computer will print one out in hard-copy form. If you want a "newspaper", your computer will print one out to your taste: tabloid or broadsheet, and filtered to meet your preferences — no sport, for instance, no news about Canada, everything on the Bobbitt case. Any movie ever made can be called up and watched in its appropriate format on a flat wall-screen. A "Filmgoer's Companion" will be available on-line so that the complete filmography of the director, illustrated with clips, can be consulted. Once you have seen the film, you can take part in an interactive conference.

But — in the futurological opinion of George Gilder, of the Discovery Institute — there is more, much more. He is worth listening to since he had a great influence on Vice-President Gore's enthusiasm for the data super-highway.

In his book, *Life After Television*, he argues that the tremendous processing power of linked tele-computers will:

"... blow apart all the monopolies, hierarchies, pyramids, and power grids of established industrial society. It will undermine all totalitarian regimes. Police states cannot endure under the advance of the computer because it increases the powers of the people faster than the powers of surveillance. All hierarchies will tend to become 'heterarchies' — systems in which each individual rules his own domain. In contrast to a hierarchy ruled from the top, a heterarchy is a society of equals under the law."

In this society of limitless channels — not just 4, or 40, or 500, but an infinite number:

"There will be as many channels as there are computers attached to the global network. The creator of a program on a specialised subject — from fly-fishing to quantum physics — will be able to reach with one video everyone in the United States, Europe and Asia who shares the interest. He will be able to command a large audience without worrying about mass appeal. The medium will change from a mass-produced and mass-consumed commodity to an endless feast of niches and specialties."

Gilder, optimistically, sees the couch potato turning into the hyperactively interactive trampoline popcorn.

Television will go the way of magazines and become 14,000 specialist channels. Gilder likens the existing TV networks to the general interest magazines *Look* and *Life*: now dead.

The digital highway will reduce distribution costs dramatically, from around 30 per cent of revenues to, say, 5 per cent.

New movie-makers or television programme-makers will attract capital from venture capitalists, and show their programmes to groups of people identified from databases as likely to appreciate them, on a pay-per-view basis.

> Reporters will telepute stories direct to the viewer

In news, the reporter will telepute his team's story direct to the viewer — who can view it "on demand". ITN already has a news-on-demand service available for watching on PCs, developed with IBM. Will there be a role for us in future? Yes. The editorial process, the exercise of news judgment, the editing and presentational skills, guarantee ITN's position as an objective media-mediator.

With Kelvin MacKenzie, the former editor of *The Sun*, likely to animate page three girls for Sky News to build audience, the need for objectivity and a semblance of good taste will — I hope — remain. But look out for newsotainment.

In sport, our home golf putter will put on his virtual reality mask, pick up his club, and watch the Golf Channel to follow the masters.

In politics, Communicopians look forward to a revival of settler New England town meetings and electronic democracy. ITN via its subsidiary CTN already narrowcasts fortnightly programmes to town halls, with participants phoning their questions to a panel of local government experts.

Communicopia will be a world of individuals connected together to form networks of like-minded individuals.

Most 20th-century views of the future have been bleak and frightening. Communicopians see the telefuture as liberating.

DAVID GORDON

● *David Gordon is chief executive of ITN. This article is based on a talk given to the Media Society.*

WHAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD DO

ONCE we are in Communicopia, the role of government will be similar to its role now in the world of magazines: none. In magazines there is diversity; there is no overbearing concentration of ownership; the barriers to entry are low; every sort of interest group is catered for.

Apart from protecting privacy and, maybe, decency, governments will have to ensure that the have-nots do not drop out of the information age. Vice-President Gore has made a good start. Earlier this month he offered a deal to network television and the telephone and cable companies: the government will deregulate you — provided there is access to the super-highway for all. Information poverty will be as much an issue as financial poverty in a pay-for-view society defined by the power to hypersurf the world's airwaves.

For part of the next 22 years, there will still be shortages of bandwidth calling for an allocation system refereed by government. The time-honoured problems of media ownership and worries about concentration will remain a concern of Peter Brooke, while Michael Heseltine worries how to ensure Britain becomes an information and entertainment power. The following guiding principles for government will help:

- **Do not try to guess which technology will win. The European Union's attempt to boost high-definition television, for example, was absurd. Let the market decide.**
- **Accelerate the highly successful policy of deregulation. Cable companies are now investing more than £1 billion a year in Britain because of the freedom to offer telephony.**
- **Decide whether the BBC is a public service broadcaster or whether it is Britain's answer to Time-Warner. In a recent pamphlet Ian Hargreaves rightly emphasises that the BBC is hobbled by epic uncertainty over which it is meant to be. If the latter, privatise it. It could still have the licence fee: privatisation would not inherently mean taking advertising.**

The TV sets that talk back

THE CHANGING NEWSPAPER

Should news be instantly available to everybody? **Robin Hunt** reports

In the average household, circa 2004 — with two children, one dog and five digital televisions — the newspaper looks somewhat different. It stretches the length of the kitchen wall and looks suspiciously like a television. And it talks back.

When Harry the housemaker has fed his children, he might ask his newspaper to run video highlights of last night's sport — from the perpective of the ball, whatever shape that might be. If he wants some statistics about the players he can "ask" the newspaper: it will respond orally, or display the facts on screen, or on reversible newsprint that emerges from his television.

Tilly the toiler, his wife, might then check the world news. She will be presented with a map of the globe, with the stories her "autonomous interface agents" have chosen as being of particular interest to her lifestyle highlighted. If she has time, she calls for the background pieces to the newspaper articles, and her "agents" will learn for next time that she needs more detail whenever she reads about, say, earthquake fault lines.

> "In the future, we'll be watching the phone, not TV"

Before going to work, Tilly will then scan the local map for traffic information. Then she will print out her morning paper, personalised to include only the subjects and advertisements she wants to read that morning. If she feels relaxed, she will take her "personal digital assistant" to read *Middlemarch* — replete with video ads for other classics her agents think she may enjoy.

The picture painted by Jerome Rubin, the chairman of the News in the Future group of MIT's "medialab", might look suspiciously like a bleak vision from *1984*, but 21 media organisations around the world, including Hearst, *The New York Times* and the *Chicago Tribune*, fund Mr Rubin's work. Welcome to interactive newspapers.

"In the news of the future programme," Mr Rubin told delegates at this year's Interactive Newspapers conference in Tampa, Florida, "we're exploring ways which enable people to have individualised stories ... with as much or as little detail as they desire."

"Interactive newspapers" is a blanket term used to describe the new electronic extensions to the conventional output of the press, and is seen as its financial and social life-blood in the next century.

A year ago, 300 newspaper executives flew to San Francisco for a conference on the subject. A year on, more than 600 went to Tampa for this year's conference.

What had they learnt? Most delegates were unclear about the subject matter; they were at the conference through fear, having read of the almost daily corporate alliances being established to exploit the digital new frontier.

"We're here," said Andy Barnes, publisher of the *St Petersburg Times* in Florida, "because we can all help to save each other."

The buzzwords of interactive newspapers lead inexorably to the "super-highway" of digital communications that Vice-President Al Gore has promised to build. The merging of newspapers, television, computer technology and telephone services that is taking place is best summed up by the line, "in the future we won't have time to listen to the television — we'll be watching the telephone".

The core of the debate is the battle for access to news. The electronic repackaging of news — on computer lines, telephone services and via facsimiles sent to the home or office — is seen as the inevitable outcome of these advances, and the surest way of making more money in the 21st century.

"What's happening", said Dan Miller, of Kelsey publishing group in New Jersey, "is that the language of journalism is being taken over by the nerds in Silicon valley."

Michael Crichton, the *Jurassic Park* author, already calls newspapers "media-saurs" and Don Brazeal, of the *Washington Post*, said that, without participation by newspapers in the interactive field, they would be left behind by the new-technology players.

Nerds or not, the technicians hold an increasingly important grip on the future profits of newspapers. Eric Philo, a stockmarket analyst for Goldman Sachs in New York, claimed that "the industry is seen as mature and as being on the wrong side of 'communicopia'. Newspapers are viewed not as the beneficiaries but as the victims of this revolution."

Interactive newspapers do not herald the end of paper and ink: rather, those materials will be only part of a much wider dissemination of written news, print advertising and still (and video) photography. Newspaper readerships, say interactive's proponents, are falling worldwide; the young consider television the main source of news. In America, about 13 per cent fewer 18 to 34-year-olds read a newspaper today, compared with the number 25 years ago.

Advertising revenues are also in decline. But advertising's very nature has changed, as agencies and their clients demand tighter targeting. This targeting is the very area in which the new technologies work.

To enter the interactive world will be expensive; alliances with hardware and software manufacturers will be necessary to carry the costs. Then a series of steps can be followed: first, newspapers must be made accessible on-line; not just to other media organisations, but as a national asset. Ross Glatzer, of Prodigy Services, an on-line computer group, said: "Yesterday's news is tomorrow's history. And history is a marketable commodity."

Second, papers must exploit audiotext phone lines, which can be plugged in the newspaper, then targeted at specific-interest groups — such as sports fans, investors, horoscope readers and dating agencies — believed to be willing to pay for a premium telephone service.

Third, papers must make certain news stories available on fax, sent directly to the home or office as soon as the editing process is completed. This would be for a premium price, the premium being paid for access to news long before a newspaper has been printed in the traditional manner.

Many ideas were suggested in Tampa: New York's *Newsday* gave the example of its telephone line featuring the original radio bulletins of the day J.F. Kennedy was assassinated, which was made available on the 30th anniversary of his death and widely used.

There were details of sophisticated real-estate services: descriptions of houses faxed on demand to augment the basic services available to classified newspaper advertisers. Some services already invite readers to fill in a form with their interests, helping to build up a profile. The individual is then sent relevant material.

Computer on-line services also offer bulletin boards, which papers consider a great new format for polls on important local issues. These polls are instigated in the pages of the paper and the results of the computer response printed within a day or two. Bulletin boards were much used during the San Francisco earthquake.

The technologies I have described exist, although so far at a small level. However, Mr Rubin painted a picture of a media future for newspapers far in advance of anything currently feasible. It centres on two concepts: a portable pocket-size screen with the capacity to display text, video and page layouts to a high quality; and the impact of the personal information being collated increasingly by credit-card companies and market researchers that will, one day, mean that media consumption can be totally personalised.

Mr Rubin said: "The idea is to deliver news and advertising to the individual reader, viewer or listener that meets the particular needs of that individual."

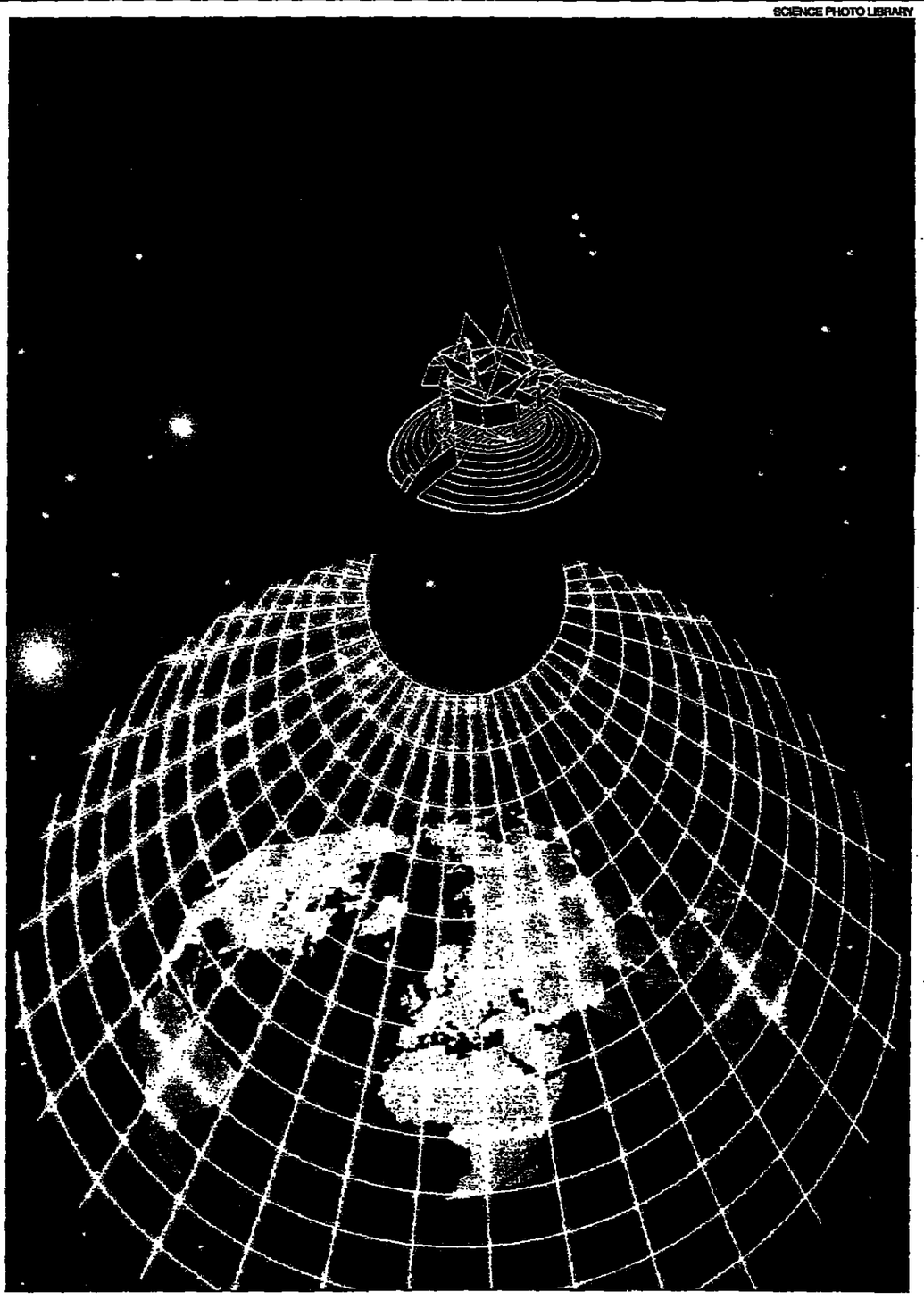
Mr Brazeal, however, commented that once journalists find themselves writing for movie and telephone companies, "nothing will be at stake. Nothing that is, except the First Amendment, the freedom of the press, and the future of the country."

In other words, the individual will have easy access to information that may not have gone through the traditional editing processes to ensure accuracy and fairness.

Mr Rubin was unstoppable. "We are", he said, "also developing autonomous intelligence interfacing agents, software programs that will learn from user feedback and personalised news selections to discover new areas of information in which newspaper readers may develop an interest."

Oh yes? *Really?*

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The new mediaspeak

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■ **AUDIOTEXT**
Telephone services connected to some feature of a newspaper. Could be sportslines, classified advertisements, spoken versions of important news stories, columnists reading their own copy. Most popular are "voice personals" or dating messages.

■ **AGENTS**
Artificial intelligence programmes that analyse individuals' consumption of newspapers and other forms of media, and purchasing patterns. Agents are used in combination with database management systems. These define what news and ads are provided in the new world of interactive newspapers.

> PDAs tell women if a shop they are passing has a bargain

■ **DATABASE MANAGEMENT**
Perhaps the most frightening aspect of our media future. As credit card and other non-cash transactions come to dominate our purchasing patterns, so organisations will able to build increasingly accurate profiles of individuals. This will lead to an upsurge in direct marketing; the interactive newspaper is seen as the best vehicle for this supremely targeted method of advertising.

■ **FACSIMILE ON DEMAND**
As news is now stored electronically on computers at newspapers long before it is printed, there is a premium to be earned by sending out stories as soon as they are being edited and accepted by lawyers. Facsimile on demand can be sent to those who need instant news who are not prepared to wait until the next morning's newspaper.

■ **ON-LINE SERVICES**
With the growth of personal computer ownership (33 per cent of houses in the US), access to huge databases will shortly become available in every household. To exploit this, many newspapers put their products on line, so they can charge for those researching back copies.

■ **PDA**
Personal Digital Assistant. These tiny flat-panel computers are aimed at giving the on-line newspaper the same levels of portability as the printed version. Sony, Philips and several other Japanese manufacturers are expected to introduce some kind of PDA within two years. The only versions are likely to be aimed at women, historically low users of computer technologies, with agents informing them when, for example, a shop they are passing has a bargain which correlates with their profile.

■ **INTERACTIVE NEWSPAPERS**
Any print newspaper that exploits audiotext, on-line services, facsimile on demand, and videotext.

■ **INTERACTIVE TELEVISION**
Probably the best bet in the long term. Interactive TV offers home shopping, home news analysis, ticket purchasing — almost anything — and is currently on trial in America. If it works, interactive newspapers may be stillborn.

ROBIN HUNT

BRITISH PIONEERS

PERHAPS it was significant that there were more regional newspaper executives at the Tampa conference than national ones from Britain and Europe.

Tom McGowran of Tindle Newspapers, whose flagship is the *Farnham Herald*, believes from what he heard that moves towards interactivity can be achieved gradually and cheaply. He believes he would start with a low-entry product such as audiotext, which can be set up for as little as £1,500.

Fred Perkins, the group director for electronic publishing at the *Financial Times*, is already some way down the interactive line, offering computer-based services and, in the process, creating new screen-based editorial products aimed at professional markets. He has less enthusiasm for the alleged democratising of news through distribution on the super-highway, and for the way that many American news organisations appear to believe they can put anything on to an on-line service. "I don't want to write or edit my own newspaper," he said, "I want somebody to do that for me whom I respect."

Perhaps the most actively interested spectator from Europe was Seamus Conaty, managing director of the electronic publishing division of the *Irish Times*. His organisation is believed to be investigating new technology applications to reach expatriate Irish around the world. "We can't afford to be complacent," he says. "I think the lesson is that it's going to be vital to design and produce products which fit whichever medium you use."

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NEWS

Top CIA man accused of spying

■ The former head of the CIA's Russian counter-intelligence group was accused of having been a "mole" for the Soviet Union and Russia for the past nine years.

Aldrich Hazen Ames, who had worked for the CIA for 31 years, and his wife Maria del Rosaria Casas Ames, were arraigned and remanded in custody accused of espionage and of receiving more than $1.5 million Page 1

British soldiers in Bosnia to be sacked

■ Seven thousand soldiers, including some serving in Bosnia, will learn today that they are to lose their jobs in the biggest round of army redundancies since cuts began three years ago. More than a thousand will be forced to take redundancy. The announcement comes a week after the Government rejected a request for more troops in Bosnia Page 1

Ice rule doubt

The spectacular somersault at the end of Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean's routine could have cost the silver medal because it broke the rules Pages 1, 3

Doctors suspended

Two pathologists at separate hospitals have been suspended and inquiries held after errors were made in diagnosing cases of suspected cancer Page 2

Rifkind criticised

Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, was criticised by Lord Justice Scott for the cavalier way the Government used powers of concealment in the Matrix Churchill trial Page 2

Ski boy left

An 11-year-old British boy went missing in the Swiss Alps for nearly five hours after being left on a mountain by an instructor. His mother said that Alexander Hatton-Edge was within half an hour of death Page 3

Dying plea

A hushed court listened to the dying moments of a young woman, shot as she tried to telephone for help after her husband was murdered Page 3

Poison arrow death

Poachers were probably behind the raid on a group of tourists in Tanzania in which one of the group was killed by a poison arrow Page 5

Hill appeal

Members of America's Kennedy family arrived in Belfast for the start today of an appeal by Paul Hill, one of the Guildford Four, against a conviction for murdering a former soldier Page 5

Arts Council row

The Arts Council has censored a damning internal report into its "profound misjudgment" over the handling of policy Page 7

Tidy London award

London emerged as the surprise winner in a European survey of clean and tidy capitals, leaving cities like Madrid and Athens streets behind Page 7

Merger breakdown

The four-year-old merger between Marxist South and tribal North Yemen was under strain after fighting erupted between their two armies Page 11

Abortion trial

An anti-abortion activist charged with murdering a Florida doctor cannot claim insanity, a judge ruled at the opening of a trial which has rekindled the battle over abortion Page 12

Peace summit

Consolidating his triumph over the Sarajevo ceasefire, President Yeltsin called for a five-party summit, involving Russia, the United States, Britain, France and Germany, to discuss a full peace settlement Page 13

A foodie feast fetches £41,000

■ Nearly 700 foodies crowded into an auction room, spilled out into the lobby and clogged the stairways of Phillips sale room in West London for a chance to buy a slice of Elizabeth David's life. The bargain of the day went to the cook Prue Leith, who paid £1,100 for her heroine's kitchen table. The 176 lots on offer fetched a total of £41,650 Page 1



Christopher Dean with his fiancee, the former skating champion, Jill Trenary, after announcing their engagement yesterday. Pages 1, 3

BUSINESS

America: The US is facing its best economic prospects in decades but higher interest rates will be needed to keep inflation at bay, Alan Greenspan, Federal Reserve Chairman said Page 23

Economy: Tax increases in the next two years are "unlikely to constitute a severe threat to recovery" and interest rates may well start to rise next year, say the Treasury's independent forecasters Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 16.6 to 3333.7. Sterling's index was unchanged at 80.7 despite rises from $1.4760 to $1.4789 and DM2.5495 to DM2.5526 Page 26

SPORT

Winter olympics: Wilf O'Reilly failed in his first attempt to win a medal for Britain in Lillehammer when he finished only third in his heat of the 1,000 metres short track speed skating Page 44

Rugby union: England named a party of 25 for the match with France. Ben Clarke and Dean Richards, who have to confirm their fitness, Nigel Redman and Ian Hunter are added Page 39

Cricket: England were licking their wounds after a mauling in the Jamaica Test. Atherton said his innings was "the most testing two hours of my life" Page 42

FEATURES

Lifting the spirits: "Once a decade or so, a sporting fixture bursts out of the obsessive, nit-picking, bickering, nerdy culture of mainstream sport to capture the imagination of outsiders." Libby Purves on Torvill and Dean Page 15

Hated figure: Paul Touvier, 78, will face trial in Versailles accused of organising the murder of seven prisoners 50 years ago Page 16

MEDIA

Present future: How will we gain our information in the next century? Changing world of television and newspapers Page 20

ARTS

Haitink at 65: The music director of the Royal Opera, Bernard Haitink, celebrates his 65th birthday next week by conducting a new production of *Katya Kabanova*. He recalls the triumphs and trials of Covent Garden Page 33

Tharp returns: For the first time in 11 years the American choreographer Twyla Tharp is in London with her company Page 35

Never had it so good: A Leicester Square cinema was the venue for Fifties nostalgia, including dire sci-fi movies, resuscitated TV commercials and rock 'n' roll lessons. Now there are tour plans Page 34

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Admiral William Crowe, the former chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, is to be the new American ambassador to Britain
Pages 1, 12



Judie Horrock, an Anglican deacon, who is to become a priest, welcomed the promulgation of the canons allowing women's ordination
Page 8



WPC Leslie Harrison was stabbed in the heart with a screwdriver as she tried to stop an escaping burglar, a Preston court was told
Page 5

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Literature begins at 80

■ Two octogenarian writers — Sir Stephen Spender and the American novelist Paul Bowles — are enjoying Indian summers: their new books are out this week

Path through the tax jungle

■ The American guide to tax allowances on purchase of assets runs to 476 pages. Is Britain going down the same path?

Hanks in Philadelphia

■ "This is no showy, Oscar-grabbing performance," says Geoff Brown, of Tom Hanks in the "Aids film" *Philadelphia*. "But he will probably get one"

TV LISTINGS

The gang wars of the 1960s whe the Richardsons and Krays face each other across the Thames. *Un derworld* (BBC1, 9.30pm) Page 4

OPINION

Immune from justice

Lord Justice Scott complained tha documents which ministers tried t withhold from the Matrix Church ill trial had a "trivial" bearing o the public interest. His remark wil have sent a ripple of alarm throug Whitehall Page 17

Bonn the persuader

America may yet warn the Muslims of the futility of further conflict: Germany must spell out the same to the Croats Page 17

No bird is an islet

Even Britain is not so rich in bird life that it can stand losing another species Page 17

COLUMNS

SIMON JENKINS

Only the most deluded could see the events of the past week as other than a victory for Russia and Serbia. Certainly the Sarajevo government is not cheering Page 16

KENNETH BAKER

Margaret Thatcher showed that the economy could expand faster than had been thought possible. This was thrown away by the policies followed by the then Chancellor and Bank governor Page 16

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Lord Lindsay of Birker, China expert who served with the Communist army; **Frank Dolling**, chairman of Barclays Bank International; **Ann Argyle**, whippet breeder; **Lewis Boddington**, aircraft engineer Page 19

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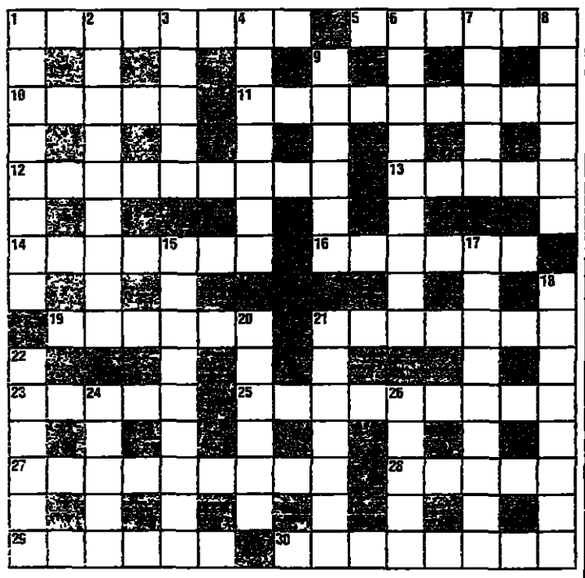
The rescue scheme for Lloyd's names in trouble Page 17

THE PAPERS

International agencies have a dual mandate: to protect legitimate refugees and to organise their return home. For Vietnam, that moment now seems to have arrived
— The New York Times

Many Russians think they're seeing the emergence of a kind of free economy that means impoverishment for most of the population. That nightmare is becoming the greatest danger to genuine democracy *— The Washington Post*

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28 Bathroom with short member of the family in it (5)
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: St Mary's Isles of Scilly, 9C (48F); lowest day max: Buxton, Derbyshire, 0C (32F); highest rainfall: Penzance, Cornwall, 0.18in; highest sunshine: Southport, Merseyside, and Anglesey Greenacre, 8.9hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Northern parts of England and Wales will start with some heavy snow but this should ease during the day. Rain or sleet in most other parts during the morning will clear and it will brighten up in the afternoon. Most of Scotland will be dry and bright but the South-West and Northern Ireland will have some snow for much of the day. The snow may edge into the Glasgow and Edinburgh areas for a time. It will be generally cold but will become milder than recent days in the South.

☐ **London, S E England, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, S Wales:** rain at first with sleet in places. Becoming brighter. Wind southerly, light to moderate. Less cold. Max 7C (45F)

☐ **E Anglia, N Wales, N W England, Isle of Man:** sleet or snow at first, turning to rain then becoming drier and brighter. Wind, easterly, light to moderate. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **E England, Lake District, Central N, N E England, S W Scotland, N Ireland:** snow, heavy in places, especially over the hills, but easing later. Wind east, fresh. Very cold. Max 1C (34F).

☐ **Channel Isles, S W England:** fog patches at first then brighter. Some showers later. Wind southerly, moderate. Mild. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Glasgow, Argyll:** mostly cloudy. Perhaps some snow. Wind easterly, fresh. Cold. Max 2C (36F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, N E Scotland, N W Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** mostly dry. Bright or sunny spells. Wind easterly, fresh. Cold. Max 3C (37F)

☐ **Outlook:** becoming dry in many places tomorrow, but more rain, sleet and snow will spread from the South-West on Friday.

AROUND BRITAIN

MIDDAY t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.2	0.04	3	37	sn	London	8.1	-	5	41	s
Anglesey	8.8	-	3	37	s	Lowestoft	5.7	0.05	1	34	s
Aspatria	7.5	-	3	37	sn	Manchester	6.6	-	3	37	s
Avemore	2.3	-	1	34	sn	Margate	X	-	3	37	sn
Belfast	8.5	-	3	37	s	Minehead	4.3	-	4	39	s
Birmingham	7.6	0.01	3	37	s	Morecambe	7.8	-	3	37	sn
Bognor R	7.9	-	3	37	s	Newcastle	4.3	0.17	1	34	sn
Bournem'th	5.3	-	4	39	s	Newquay	X	-	-	-	-
Bristol	8.0	-	4	39	s	Norwich	7.9	0.09	1	34	s
Buxton	5.2	-	0	32	sn	Nottingham	6.5	0.01	3	37	s
Cardiff	6.2	-	3	37	s	Penzance	-	0.19	6	43	c
Clacton	6.4	0.02	3	37	s	Plymouth	1.7	0.01	4	39	c
Cleethorpes	X	-	-	-	-	Poole	7.0	-	4	39	s
Colwyn Bay	7.8	-	1	34	s	Ross-o-wye	8.4	-	2	37	s
Cromer	2.8	0.15	1	34	sn	Ryde	X	-	-	-	-
Eastbourne	6.7	-	3	37	s	Salcombe	X	-	-	-	-
Edinburgh	2.3	0.05	2	36	sn	Sandown	7.6	-	3	37	s
Eskdalemuir	5.3	0.02	1	34	sn	Saunton Snd	5.3	-	5	41	s
Exmouth	5.4	-	4	39	s	Scarboro'	-	0.16	0	32	sn
Falmouth	X	-	-	-	-	Scilly Isles	X	-	-	-	-
Folkestone	6.9	0.02	3	37	s	Shanklin	7.5	-	3	37	s
Glasgow	4.9	0.03	3	37	sn	Skegness	5.0	0.04	2	36	sn
Guernsey	9.1	0.02	5	41	c	Southend	X	-	-	-	-
Hastings	7.6	0.01	2	36	s	Southport	8.8	-	3	37	s
Hayling I.	X	-	-	-	-	Southsea	8.1	-	3	37	s
Herne Bay	5.5	-	2	36	b	Stornoway	X	-	-	-	-
Hove	5.9	-	3	37	s	Swanage	6.0	-	3	37	s
Hunstanton	6.6	0.04	1	34	s	Teignmouth	4.9	-	5	41	s
Isle of Man	8.3	-	3	37	s	Tenby	5.1	-	2	37	b
Jersey	-	0.01	5	41	c	Tiree	4.2	-	4	39	b
Kinloss	2.3	-	4	39	sh	Torquay	X	-	-	-	-
Leeds	5.1	-	4	39	sh	Tynemouth	-	0.11	2	36	sn
Lerwick	6.6	-	5	41	s	Ventnor	7.5	-	4	39	s
Llanbedr	2.1	0.03	3	37	sn	West-s-mare	5.3	-	3	37	b
Littlehmptn	7.8	-	3	37	s	Weymouth	7.4	-	4	39	s
Liverpool	8.2	-	2	36	s	Wick	Y	-	-	-	-

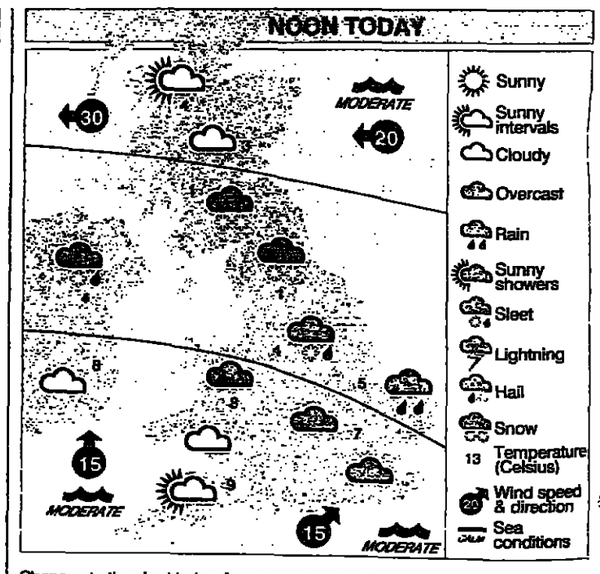
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Alicante	16	61	f	Dublin	2	36	f	Malaga	16	61	s
Alex'dria	17	63	f	Dubrovnik	14	57	s	Malta	16	61	s
Algiers	21	70	s	Faro	17	63	f	Melb'rne	31	88	s
Amst'dm	-1	30	sn	Florence	9	48	f	Mexico C	21	70	s
Athens	13	55	c	Frankfurt	-1	30	sn	Miami	28	82	f
Bahrain	23	73	s	Funchal	19	66	s	Milan	6	43	c
Bangkok	30	91	s	Geneva	11	52	s	Montreal	3	37	s
Barbados	29	84	f	Gibraltar	17	63	s	Moscow	-12	10	s
Barcelona	16	61	s	Helsinki	-8	18	s	Munich	-6	21	c
Beirut	14	57	f	Hong K	17	63	f	Naples	14	57	f
Belgrade	-3	27	s	Innsbruck	5	41	f	N Delhi	12	54	s
Berlin	-1	30	c	Istanbul	8	46	f	N York	19	66	r
Biarritz	17	63	s	Jeddah	28	82	s	Nice	13	55	s
Borde'x	13	55	s	Jo'burg	22	72	f	Oslo	-6	21	c
Brussels	0	32	c	Karachi	26	79	s	Paris	5	41	r
Budapst	1	34	s	L Palmas	25	77	s	Peking	-4	25	s
B Aires	32	90	s	Le Touqt	2	36	f	Perth	28	82	s
Cairo	20	68	f	Lisbon	14	57	c	Prague	1	34	f
Cape Tn	27	81	s	Locarno	6	43	c	Reykjavk	-4	25	c
Chicago	-3	27	f	L Angels	14	57	s	Rhodes	16	61	s
Ch'church	23	73	s	Luxembg	0	32	c	Rio de J	32	90	s
Cologne	-1	30	sn	Luxor	22	72	s	Riyadh	26	79	s
C'phagn	0	32	sn	Madrid	10	50	f	Rome	14	57	s

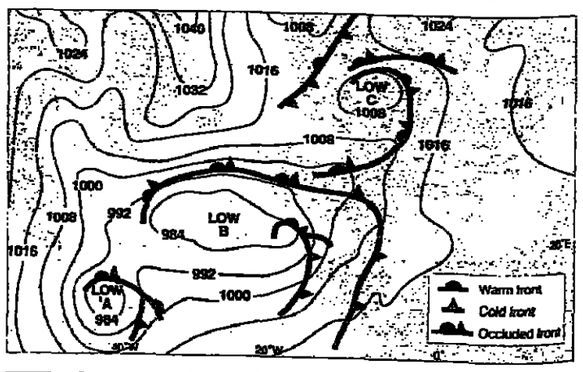
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Sydney	25	77	s								
Tangier	17	63	f								
Tel Aviv	18	64	f								
Tenerife	23	73	s								
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X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: low A will move northeast and deepen. Low B will drift east, filling slowly. Low C will drift east before losing its identity.



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.42	6.02			Liverpool	9.08	8.17	9.35	8.40
Aberdeen	11.26	3.79	11.56	3.87	Lowestoft	7.39	2.17	7.39	2.31
Avonmouth	4.46	11.38	5.20	11.74	Margate	9.54	4.08	10.15	4.31
Belfast	8.49	3.14	9.23	3.01	Milford Haven	4.01	5.85	4.31	6.02
Cardiff	4.31	10.57	5.05	10.92	Newquay	2.56	5.9	3.25	6.1
Devonport	3.31	4.8	4.03	4.8	Oban	3.55	3.3	4.31	3.5
Dover	8.53	5.65	9.24	5.90	Penzance	2.36	4.8	3.06	4.8
Falmouth	3.01	4.6	3.33	4.6	Portland	4.15	1.6	5.03	1.5
Glasgow	10.42	4.4	11.34	4.2	Portsmouth	9.00	4.2	9.45	4.3
Harwich	9.41	3.38	10.05	3.43	Shoreham	8.56	5.38	9.29	5.65
Holyhead	8.23	4.90	8.47	4.96	Southampton	8.51	4.01	9.28	4.13
Ilfracombe	3.43	7.61	4.15	7.89	Swansea	4.05	8.05	4.35	8.13
King's Lynn	4.14	5.4	4.34	5.8	Tees	1.28	4.48	1.50	4.71
Leith	12.18	4.62	12.44	4.83	W'ton-on-Nze	9.37	3.58	10.00	3.67

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 6.59 am
Sun sets: 5.30 pm
Moon sets 5.08 am
Moon rises 2.42 pm

London 5.30 pm to 6.59 am
Bristol 5.40 pm to 7.09 am
Edinburgh 5.34 pm to 7.20 am
Manchester 5.36 pm to 7.11 am
Penzance 5.54 pm to 7.18 am

Full moon February 25

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Fed chief eases interest rate fear

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND JANET BUSH IN LONDON

WORLD financial markets reacted with muted relief to yesterday's testimony from Alan Greenspan, chairman of the US Federal Reserve, confirming that the central bank is leaning towards higher interest rates while remaining relatively optimistic on inflation prospects.

Mr Greenspan appears to have stopped the selling rout that pushed dollar bond markets sharply lower in recent trading.

The Fed chairman said real short-term interest rates were more likely to rise than fall but gave no clear indication of the timing of the next rate rise. This, and his optimistic comments on inflation, were greeted positively in the markets, which were nervous in anticipation of a more tough-talking performance.

US Treasury bonds, hard hit last week, were little changed while UK government bonds edged up.

Mark Austin, currency strategist at Midland Global Markets in London, said: "If anything, Mr Greenspan was slightly defensive about the recent tightening in monetary policy, not aggressive as the market had feared."

Brian Martin of Citibank in London said the markets were pleased with the testimony because it clarified the Fed's thinking and suggested the bond markets were not going to have to face an aggressive tightening in monetary policy.

The Fed chairman's semi-annual Humphrey-Hawkins testimony to the House Banking Committee took place three weeks after the Fed pushed up the Fed Funds rate, a key short-term interest rate, to 3.25 per cent from 3 per cent, sending jitters through world stock and bond markets. The rise triggered the biggest single-day drop in the Dow Jones industrial index in two years.

Mr Greenspan yesterday emphasised that this move was a pre-emptive strike against future inflation but that price pressures were not a problem yet. He said consumer price data probably overstated inflation and that faster economic growth need not necessarily lead to price pressures.

He admitted that inflation remained subdued, but said the Fed had to "take care not to overstay an accommodative stance". He said indicators were hard to read and emphasised that monetary policy only acted to damp down inflation with long lags. "Accordingly, if the Federal Reserve waits until actual inflation worsens before taking counter-measures, it would have waited far too long."

He said "modest corrective steps would no longer be enough to contain emerging economic imbalances and to avoid a build-up of long-term interest rates. Instead more wrenching measures would be needed with unavoidable adverse side effects on near-term economic activity."

He expected economic growth to slow down because of the small rise in interest rates but that, "as best as we can judge, the economy's forward momentum remains intact".

His comments failed to assuage criticism from some congressmen who claimed that higher rates would choke off the economic recovery and accused Mr Greenspan of "taking the punch bowl away while the guests are still taking their coats off".

Mr Greenspan said he expected gross domestic product to rise between 3 and 3.25 per cent this year and the consumer prices index to rise by about 3 per cent compared with 2.7 per cent in 1993.

In Europe, stock markets shrugged off initial losses after the testimony and recovered some ground. The FT-SE 100 index ended 16.6 down at 3,333.7 after greater losses earlier. German shares fell initially after bond prices dipped but then rose again in post-bourse trading.

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Sir Michael Perry at Unilever's headquarters yesterday. He said the reorganisation will save £240 million a year

Unilever to cut 7,500 jobs in worldwide shake-up

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

UNILEVER is to cut 7,500 jobs as part of a worldwide rationalisation programme to boost efficiency costing £490 million.

Nearly 1,000 jobs are under threat in Britain over the next three years. The latest round of job cuts follows a net loss in 1993 of about 2,000 jobs and is likely to focus on Brooke Bond Foods and Van den Berghs Foods, which are to be merged, as well as Birds Eye Wall's and Lever Brothers.

Sir Michael Perry, Unilever's chairman, said about 7,500 jobs would be shed across Europe and North America after implementation of 60 separate restructuring projects in 20 countries. He declined to give details of where the axe might fall before employees had been informed, but said the cuts would hit managers and the factory floor. A number of plants will be closed.

However, he said the overhaul would focus primarily on the foods and detergents businesses, which include brands such as Persil detergents, Flora margarine and Wall's ice cream, although there would be some job losses in the other core areas of personal products and speciality chemicals.

Unilever has set aside £490 million to pay for the restructuring. Two thirds will pay for redundancies while the rest will cover asset writedowns and replacement. Sir Michael said the reorganisation will save about £240 million a year from 1996.

The cost of the restructuring, which has been taken as an exceptional charge, hit pre-tax profits, which fell from £2.029 billion to £1.943 billion for the year to December 31. Excluding the one-off charge, pre-tax profits showed underlying growth of 11 per cent. The final dividend rises to 18.95p (16.13p), bringing the total for the year to 25.03p (21.33p), up 17 per cent.

Analysts were surprised at the scale of the exceptional charge and Unilever's shares tumbled 38p to 1,161p.

Profits were maintained in Europe, despite recession and poor summer weather that held back ice cream sales. Progress was also slow in detergents, but personal products showed strong growth. Margins dipped in North America owing to problems in the highly competitive detergents market. Unilever has lost market share after price-cutting by Procter & Gamble and unsuccessful product launches of concentrated liquid detergents. The group's operations in the rest of the world showed the biggest gains, with Japan in profit for the first time and continuing expansion in China.

Sir Michael dismissed comment on the decline of brands as "misplaced" and "over the top". Unilever's advertising spend rose from £2.734 billion to £3.284 billion last year and he insisted that substantial brand investment was "the foundation of past success and the key to future prosperity".

Net debt at the year end was £1.4 billion, less than £200 million up on 1992, despite the fact that Unilever paid £590 million to acquire 24 businesses during the year. The group will continue to build its core business through acquisition and dispose of non-core operations. Sir Michael said the group had seen "no obvious signs" of economic upturn, but predicted the coming year would be one of "gradual albeit uneven improvement".

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Brand names take on stores

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

BIG brand names have joined forces to go to war against Britain's supermarket groups to prevent them from producing lookalike own label products.

The newly created British Producers and Brands Owners Group, which includes ICI Paints, Allied-Lyons, Grand Metropolitan, Guinness, Kellogg, Mars, Procter & Gamble, Nestle, Unilever and Smithkline Beecham as well as several trade associations, is the first time that brand companies have publicly got together to put forward their case against UK food retailers. The consortium has sent a letter to House of Lords' members to press for legislation to protect brands against what it describes as "the growing problem of lookalike products which take unfair advantage of the goodwill established by leading brands".

The group wants the Lords to back an amendment to the Trade Marks Bill, which will be debated in the Report Stage tomorrow. The amendment seeks to prevent own label products, and indeed tertiary brands, from imitating the "overall appearance" of a brand rather than just "distinctive signs" as the Bill currently states. It adds that lookalikes should be treated as "unfair competition."

The letter states: "We consider that the Trade Marks Bill provides an opportunity to introduce into UK law for the first time an effective remedy against this form of unfair competition, and place our law on an equal footing with our European partners."

Brand companies invest tens of millions into developing their brands and have grown increasingly angry at the proliferation of own label products designed to imitate leading brands. Own label products account for about 30 per cent of UK grocery sales.

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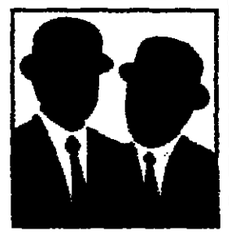


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Gold last year enjoyed its best year as an investment since 1987 and demand rose 30 per cent
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Wise men play down tax rise threat

BY JANET BUSH
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TAX increases in the next two years are "unlikely to constitute a severe threat to recovery" and interest rates may well start to rise again next year, the Treasury's panel of independent forecasters said yesterday.

Four of the six-man panel said they would not argue for a further cut in interest rates while the remaining two — professors Patrick Minford and Wynne Godley — called for a substantial cut in interest rates. All six said they could envisage rates rising in 1995, but added that "no-one would recommend a rise and some of us would be concerned at further exchange-rate appreciation, which would erode the improvement in competitiveness that has been sustained since sterling left the ERM".

The panel's joint report, sent to the Chancellor, said tax increases would not threaten the recovery and an average of the panel's forecasts projects growth of 2.7 per cent both this year and next.

However, David Currie of the London Business School and Professor Wynne Godley are far more pessimistic, predicting that growth will fall back next year to 2.2 per cent and 1.7 per cent respectively. In the case of the LBS, this is because of the impact of tax increases.

The majority view, however, is that the depressing impact of tax rises will be offset by lower interest rates, which will continue to feed through the economy. The joint report said consumer spending would continue to grow despite tax increases, with pre-tax incomes rising and savings falling.

With the exception of professors Minford and Godley, the other four said: "We are now closer to the point at which we might recommend an increase in interest rates. Our presumption, therefore, is no longer that the next change in interest rates is bound to be downwards: it could be either up or down".

However, they hinted that any appreciation in sterling could trigger more base-rate cuts and the LBS and the National Institute of Social and Economic Research, represented by Andrew Britton, have said in the past week they expect a further quarter-point cut by mid-year.

The Central Statistical Office yesterday revised up fourth-quarter growth in gross domestic product from 0.7 per cent to 0.8 per cent, largely on a turnround in the construction industry. Non-oil GDP for 1993 as a whole was also revised up for 1.8 per cent growth instead of 1.7 per cent. Total GDP for the year was up 2 per cent. The GDP deflator, which measures inflation, was 3.5 per cent in 1993 against 1992, the lowest since 1968.

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DTI takes firm line on domestic telephone prices

BY PHILIP BASSETT
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THE Government yesterday urged Britain's telephone companies to cut prices to domestic users after a new study suggested that residential charges compared unfavourably with those of Britain's principal competitors.

While the report from the Department of Trade and Industry on Britain's telecommunications networks and services showed them to be world class, the study struck a cautious note on UK price levels. After consideration of telecoms services in America, Sweden, Japan, the Netherlands, France and Germany, as well as the UK, the DTI study said: "UK price levels are, by comparison with the other countries, generally reasonable for business, although they compare less favourably for residential users."

Detailed comparisons in the report showed UK residential prices to be the highest of those studied.

Patrick McLoughlin, industry minister, acknowledged the recent price reductions made by both BT and Mercury, but said: "I look forward to further price reductions. I would like to see costs come down."

While prices had already fallen "significantly", he said: "There is clearly scope for further price reductions."

In general terms, the study — prepared for the DTI by PA management consultants — paints a "generally encouraging" picture, concluding that "the state of development of the UK telecommunications infrastructure and the range of services available to users compares well with other countries."

Noting that no single country studied is a consistent first in all areas, the study says that "the UK is consistently a good second and does not lag significantly in any major respect".

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, said: "The quality of our telecommunications infrastructure is central to the economic prosperity and national competitiveness of the UK, as well as its attractiveness as a base for business. The conclusions of this study, the first of its kind, rank the UK as up with the best in the world."

The study found that British investment levels in the industry were good, that the number of new operators was increasing competition and that BT's network emerged as one of the most modern in the world.

BT welcomed the findings of the trade department's report, and said the range of services now available in Britain was a direct result of competition.

Icarom write-off cuts AIB profits

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
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PROFITS at Allied Irish Banks (AIB) were held back last year by a Ir£96.7 million (£93 million) exceptional write-off of the cost of future funding of Icarom, its failed insurance arm.

The pre-tax figure was reduced from Ir£292.6 million to Ir£195.9 million compared with Ir£175.8 million in the nine-month period to December 1992. The bank has changed its financial year to end-December.

The write-off is after Ir£38.9 million proceeds received from Ernst & Young in an out of court settlement of legal action last October.

AIB estimates the future funding costs at Ir£133.5 million. Icarom is currently in administration, with its claims being worked out by the administrator.

AIB, Ireland's biggest clearing bank, is in a more confident mood after returning to profit in its British operations and enjoying "more benign" trading conditions in Ireland.

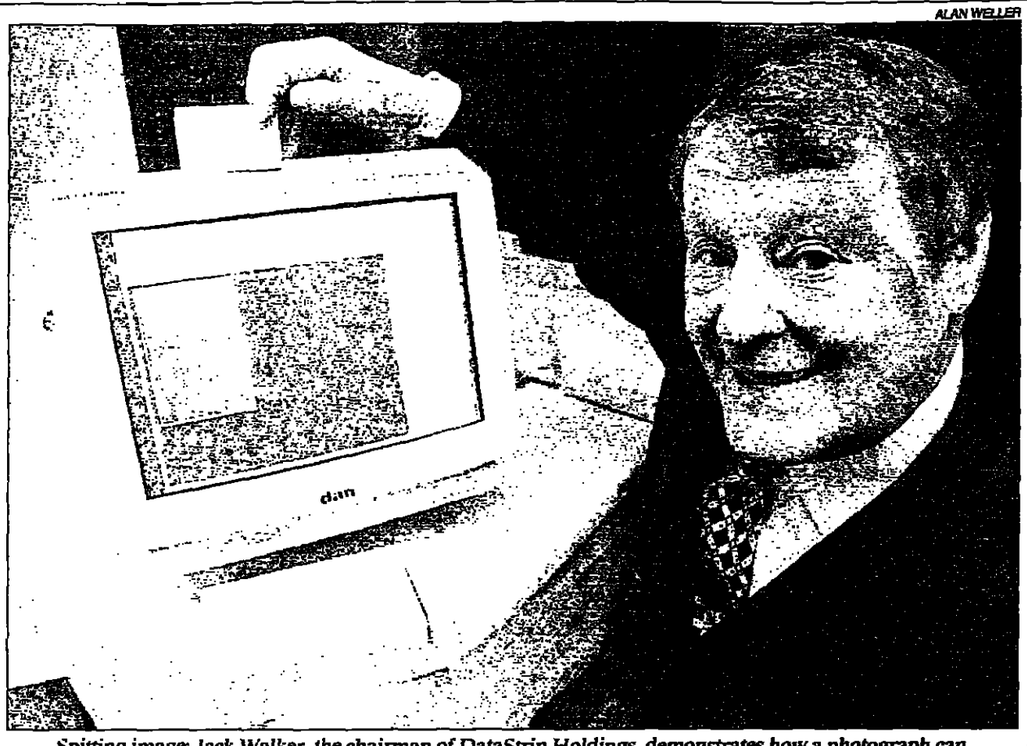
Total bad debt provisions declined last year to Ir£134.6 million, or 1.1 per cent of the loan book, from Ir£141.8 million, or 1.4 per cent, in the nine-month period.

Profits from the Irish division were Ir£160.3 million last year against Ir£129.5 million in the nine months to December 1992.

In Britain the bank recorded a Ir£7 million profit compared with Ir£26 million losses in the nine months to December 1992, as asset quality improved, new business volumes picked up and bad debts came down. Profits in America with First Maryland Bancorp continued to grow.

The dividend rises 12 per cent on an annualised basis to 9.75p. Earnings per share were 20.2p.

ALAN WELLER



Spitting image: Jack Walker, the chairman of DataStrip Holdings, demonstrates how a photograph can now be encoded on to a credit card. The DataStrip system was officially launched in Britain yesterday

Insurance watchdog vows to speed up investigations

BY SARA MCCONNELL
PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

■ Awards range from the £3 paid to someone to compensate for a low interest pay out on a claim to £230,000 for the mishandling of an investment fund

THE insurance ombudsman pledged yesterday that, by the end of this year, complaints against insurance companies will be allocated to one of his staff for investigation within one month.

In some cases, particularly those involving life assurance and pensions, it has taken five months for a case to be allocated. Once the ombudsman's investigation starts, it takes 3.8 months on average to reach a decision.

A significant increase in the ombudsman bureau's workload is partly to blame for longer case handling times. The number of new complaints received by the insurance ombudsman nearly doubled last year to 8,133, against 5,576 in 1992. The increase surprised the bureau, which admitted it had been "lulled into a false sense of security" by a slow down in new cases in recent years. Dr Julian Farrand, the ombudsman, said the ombudsman's higher profile, coupled with easy access and the fact that the service was free and non-binding on the consumer, had contributed to the heavier workload.

The bureau had to ask its member insurance companies to fund the difference between the £2.7 million budgeted for operating costs at the beginning of the year and the actual cost of £3.1 million. The extra money was needed partly to fund the costs of judicial review proceedings brought against the ombudsman by Aegon Life, which was contesting 23 of the ombudsman's decision. The High Court decided the bureau was not subject to judicial review.

Extra bureau staff have been taken on to eradicate a backlog of cases. At the end of 1993, 3,055 cases were unfinished and 1,584 were awaiting investigation. A total of 6,344 cases were completed, a 42 per cent increase on 1992.

As in previous years, most completed cases (4,020 of 6,344) resulted in confirmation of the insurer's decision. In only 33 per cent of cases was the complaint upheld wholly or in part. A further 233 cases were withdrawn.

Complaints relating to sales of home income plans were continuing to arrive at the rate of one or two a day. In the late 1980s, thousands of elderly people were encouraged to mortgage their homes and invest the resulting lump sum in investment bonds. Many now fac heavy losses. So far, Dr Farrand and his team have received 1,000 complaints and completed only 80. The average award is about £55,000 and distress awards averaging £1,500 have also been made.

The highest award made last year was £230,000, in a case where the ombudsman decided there was "gross negligence" in the management of an investment fund.

Azerbaijan and BP oil deal delayed

BY LOUISE HIDALGO

PRESIDENT Geidar Aliyev of Azerbaijan arrived in Britain yesterday amid receding hopes that his visit might herald a conclusion of negotiations with BP on developing the former Soviet republic's rich oil fields.

Speculation had mounted in recent weeks that his visit, the first by a president of the newly independent state, might at last secure agreement after more than two years of negotiations with BP and a consortium of Western oil companies.

The deal, which would give Azerbaijan the oil production of a small Gulf state and the Western companies revenues of more than $24 billion, was "most unlikely" to be signed, a senior BP executive said.

The Western consortium, led by BP and Statoil, the Norwegian state oil company, last month threatened to withdraw because of the difficulty in pinning down Azerbaijan.

Mr Aliyev said earlier this month that a deal agreed last November with the Western consortium to explore two oil fields with estimated reserves of more than 3 billion barrels would have to be renegotiated with Socar, the Azerbaijan state oil company. BP and its colleagues in the consortium have yet to hear any new proposals.

The oil deal controversy formed the centrepiece of a dinner hosted last night at Lancaster House by Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, in Mr Aliyev's honour. Today Mr Aliyev is to meet with Tim Eggar, the Trade Minister, before lunching with John Major when the stalled negotiations are likely to figure prominently on the agenda.

Mr Aliyev had meetings yesterday with Ian Robinson, chairman of Trafalgar House's engineering division, which is interested in Azerbaijan's oil, gas and chemical sectors, and attended a reception hosted by BP's chief executive, David Simon, at the CBI.

Oil battle of Baku, page 27

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

French to buy two Scottish steel plants

BRITISH Steel is to sell two of its Scottish plants to a French firm for an undisclosed sum. The Clydesdale and Imperial works, both in Lanarkshire and employing 440 in total, are being bought by the Vallourec steel company along with a service and warehousing operation in Aberdeen which employs 40. The deal amounts to the sale of British Steel's seamless tubes operations in Scotland, which supply North Sea oil and gas installations. However, the move does not mean the company is pulling out of the North Sea market — it makes many products at plants south of the border.

The sale leaves British Steel with two remaining plants in Scotland, at Dalzell and Clydebridge, employing 600. British Steel said the deal was a "natural development" of a 20-year link with Vallourec during which it carried out some work under licence for the French. It would also strengthen the Clydesdale and Imperial plants "through the transfer of ownership to a group committed long-term to this business."

Poor quarter at Honda

HONDA, Japan's third-biggest carmaker, which announced on Monday that it would unwind its 20 per cent crossholding in Rover, suffered a 31 per cent fall in pre-tax profit to 12.5 billion yen (£80 million) in the final quarter last year. Reflecting the strength of the yen, worldwide sales were down 2.8 per cent to 948 billion yen. A spokesman for Honda UK said the company would have a "significant marketing force" in place in Europe by early next year.

Norweb to cut prices

Norweb, the privatised electricity distributor serving the northwest, is cutting prices for domestic customers by 6 per cent from April 1 to coincide with the first stage of the imposition of VAT at eight per cent. This follows a 1.6 per cent reduction announced last July. The 6 per cent cut is worth about £17.50 a year on an average bill of £278.65. Seeboard, which operates in the southeast, is cutting charges for its 1.9 million domestic and small-business customers by about 6 per cent.

Yorkshire profit record

YORKSHIRE Chemicals, the dyes and specialist materials group, achieved records last year, with turnover up 14 per cent to £112 million, pre-tax profits of £13 million against £11.5 million earned in 1992, and net earnings of 21.1p (17.9p) a share. The total dividend rises 9 per cent to 8.1p a share. Phillip Lowe, chairman, said although market conditions were unlikely to improve in 1994, the group intends to drive sales and profits forward through volume growth.

MG suffers new oil loss

METALLGESELLSCHAFT (MG), the German engineering group rescued last month after huge losses on its oil-hedging operations in New York, suffered a further DM1.5 billion of oil-related losses in the first quarter. Other activities showed a DM64.6 million profit. The company reported a DM1.97 billion net loss in the final quarter of its last financial year, almost half on oil hedging. MG does not expect further oil losses.

Capital seeks £25m

CAPITAL & Regional Properties is raising £25 million from shareholders to fund the £33 million purchase of R Green, a portfolio of commercial properties owned by Throgmorton Trust. C&R is offering 15.2 million shares on a one-for-three basis at 173p, a discount of 20 per cent to Monday's closing price of 216p, with a further £10 million to be provided in loans from Société Générale. C&R boosted shareholders' funds from £27.2 million to £49.6 million last year.

Buckingham disposal

THE Buckingham International hotels and leisure group has sold its Portuguese subsidiary, Morlaix de Portugal Investimentos Hoteleiros e Turisticos, which owns the Holiday Inn in Lisbon, to Dr Manual Marcal, a Portuguese businessman, for £9.7 million. The disposal is part of Buckingham's programme to cut borrowings. In September, it announced interim losses of £62.5 million and a £60 million writedown on the value of assets. Gearing was 200 per cent.

Manders sells shops site

MANDERS, the chemicals group, has sold a shopping centre in Wolverhampton to Prudential for £82 million. The 485,000 sq ft Mander Centre was valued at £57.5 million in December 1991; Manders decided last September to sell the centre after improvement in the property investment market. Proceeds will be applied to develop printing inks and chemicals. The centre, with more than 150 shops, made operating profits of £4.8 million in 1992 on £5.3 million rent.

Gold demand just short of its record

BY COLIN CAMPBELL, MINING CORRESPONDENT

DEMAND for gold in 1993 was 2,431.8 tonnes, 1 per cent shy of the record demand noted in 1992, the World Gold Council says. However supply/demand fundamentals remain tight, it says.

The WGC says in its latest *Gold Demands Trends survey*, in which it collates information covering 75 per cent of world consumption, that last year was gold's best, as an investment, since 1987.

In developed markets, investment demand for gold was 30 per cent higher last year, at 152.5 tonnes (from 117 tonnes). Gold jewellery sales in America continued to rise, increasing by 8 per cent, although overall jewellery demand in developed markets was 2 per cent weaker, at 648.1 tonnes.

Demand from China was especially strong in the first half of 1993, and, since 1991, has been "explosive". However, China's austerity programme, instituted last year to cool its overheated economy, dented demand patterns in the second half of 1993, to cut China's total gold consumption demand last year to 225 tonnes, down by 11 per cent from 1992.

The survey attributes the year's modest decline in total demand to a more volatile and higher gold price, and to recession in Europe and Japan. It estimates total dental demand at 37.8 tonnes, against 38.3 tonnes in 1992.

Extra guidance for SIB over pensions

BY OUR PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Securities and Investments Board (SIB) is to set up a consumer panel to advise the SIB board on the handling of cases where people have been wrongly advised to transfer out of company pension schemes into personal pensions. The panel, to be chaired by Oonagh McDonald, the former Labour MP and member of the SIB board, is intended to complement an existing advisory committee of industry representatives.

SIB announced last December that it would be undertaking a full investigation into pension transfers, after publishing a report revealing evidence of widespread misselling and poor advice. SIB's board is expecting to receive a progress report next week from working parties investigating mis-selling. This will contain proposals for tightening up regulations for pension transfers.

The members of the consumer panel have not yet been named, but are expected to include trade unionists and representatives from bodies such as the Consumers' Association. SIB said: "It will be a wide mixture. We want to give confidence to investors".

Final proposals for tightening regulations are expected next month. In the meantime SIB is planning to publish a paper giving details of how compensation for wrong pension transfer advice should be funded by the industry.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

BELLWINCH (Int)
Pre-tax: £274,000
EPS: 0.6p (0.6p loss)
Div: Nil (nil)
Previous interim period saw losses of £97,000. Gearing reduced to 4.8 per cent, from 66.4 per cent. Second half has started well.

HAGGAS (JOHN) (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.07m
EPS: 3.3p (3p)
Div: 1p (Nil)
Previous interim profit was £981,000. Demand for all products steady but unexciting. Substantial improvement unlikely this year.

MACRO 4 (Int)
Pre-tax: £5.4m (£4.9m)
EPS: 16p (14.8p)
Div: 8.02p (6.27p)
Group cash balances £19.23 million at the end of December, with further increase likely at end of current year.

REGINA (Fin)
Pre-tax: £224,000 loss
EPS: 0.18p loss
Div: Nil (nil)
Loss in previous year was £1.23 million. Board remains confident about long-term future and expects further orders from Japan.

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American report clears Thorn EMI's Rent-A-Center

BY COLIN CAMPBELL



Sir Colin Southgate, Thorn EMI chairman, with His Master's Voice gramophone

AN INDEPENDENT report commissioned by Thorn EMI, the music and rental group, has cleared the company of allegations of improper business practices that were made by *The Wall Street Journal* last September about its wholly-owned American subsidiary Rent-A-Center.

Sir Colin Southgate, Thorn EMI chairman, said that a report by the former US senator Warren Rudman found that the *Journal*'s key allegations were "either incorrect or misleading".

Sir Colin, announcing results for nine months to December 31 that showed operating profit from continuing operations up from £236.9 million to £291.4 million, said that there had been strong Christmas trading. The outcome for the year to March 31 should be "in line with expectations".

Thorn EMI, after charging £20.3 million of exceptional items, recorded pre-tax profit for nine months at £251.1 million, from £245 million previously. Total turnover in the period was £3.31 billion (£3.29 billion).

"The third-quarter performance of our main business is encouraging," Sir Colin said.

EMI Music sales were 20 per cent higher at £1.37 billion in the nine month period and the division's profits rose by 39 per cent, to £212 million.

HMV's operating profits leapt from £1.9 million to £6.5 million. Profits from Thorn Rental advanced from £80.3 million to £90.4 million.

Thorn security and electronics reported nine months' operating losses of £17.5 million (£2.2 million profit). Thorn EMI Electronics was affected by poor market conditions and rationalisation costs, which were announced earlier this year. "Our efforts to focus our resources on music, rental and HMV continue, as does our programme to divest the security and electroncis businesses," Sir Colin said.

In the nine months, the group reaped £200 million from the recent sale of Thorn lighting and the Thames Television stake and deferred receipts from other asset disposals.

☐ Greenspan goes in for some plain speaking ☐ Equities set to follow bond futures ☐ Independent's journalists hold key

Fed chief shows wise men the way

☐ THE deathly calm that greeted Alan Greenspan's Humphrey-Hawkins testimony only supports the theory that the recent rout in the bond markets was little to do with economics and a lot to do with the inability of highly leveraged hedge funds to absorb even a small percentage drop in bond prices.

The corollary of that, of course, is that the markets' grateful acceptance of the Fed chairman's palpably sane views of interest rates and inflation doesn't necessarily mean that bond market troubles are over. The hedge funds have lost an enormous amount of money in their three more adventurous forays into world markets — Japanese government bonds, the dollar/yen rate and European bonds — and the City is alive with stories of distressed liquidations and lines of credit being withdrawn.

The most furious activity late last week came in the futures markets with long-term investors increasingly nervous but not, apparently, baling out to any significant degree. It remains to be seen whether the reputed troubles at some of the hedge funds have longer-run effects on the performance of bonds.

But, with a capital base of around $80 billion, often leveraged up by as much as 10 times, there could be as much as $800 billion of hedge fund money at stake. Any large simultaneous shift in the hedge fund view of the world means a huge amount of money swinging around the financial system and prices are inevitably affected.

To an extent, the crucial role played by the hedge funds in the recent volatility meant that economics wasn't the central story. The US interest rate cycle has clearly bottomed out and that persuaded the hedge funds to move at the turn of the year. With that amount of leverage, there is no point in staying in a static market.

But for longer-term investors, the 25 basis point rise in the Fed Funds rate need not necessarily mean that the bull market has turned. Mr Greenspan, if anything, underplayed the inflation threat and made it clear that the move on Fed Funds was designed as an early preemptive strike against *future* inflation. Markets were pleased that he gave no hint of a near-term timetable on the next rate rise.

The Fed chairman said that inflation pressures had built up in the past, not because of rapid growth but because of what he called "financial tinder" or excessive credit. He said that he was not inclined to supply such tinder this time around. For inflation-conscious bond investors, the combination of far-off inflationary pressures and central bank vigilance could be a buy signal, particularly at the new lower price levels.

Would that we had a clear exposition of current thinking on UK monetary policy. A poor substitute was offered by four of the six "wise men" in their categorically vague statement that the next change in interest rates could be either up or down.

Muted response in the City

☐ THE London stock market gave a muted response to Alan Greenspan's comments. Share prices halved earlier losses and longer dated bonds managed to apply the brake to recent falls with gains of a few ticks. As might be expected, only the short and medium end of the market took umbrage at the threat of a



possible rise in interest rates at some stage.

It was always somewhat unlikely that Greenspan would paint a bearish short-term scenario. After all, he has two large Treasury bond auctions to get away this week and an indication of a near-term upwards tweak in money market rates would hardly have proved diplomatic.

That said the City has always been long on cynicism and, in the wake of the equity market's strong run, institutions clearly think it is time to take stock: or rather not take stock. Trading conditions during the past two weeks have proved volatile and are likely to remain so in the short term. Fund managers are increasingly talking in terms of higher liquidity ratios, with blue chips being sold into such strength as remains. The brake is on buying.

This has been reflected by the daily turnover figure which has declined significantly. During the market's recent record breaking run the daily statistic regularly exceeded a billion shares but, during the current account, has dropped to between 500 million and 700 million shares.

A host of institutions will now be urged to support today's £2.5 billion gilt auction.

Meanwhile, even the most ardent bulls are having second thoughts about the equity market. Nick Knight, at Nomura, expects it to be a volatile year with investors adopting a distinctly more cautious attitude. That said, Knight is still sticking to his year-end forecast for the FT-SE 100 index of 3,500, which remains at the top end.

Despite Government rhetoric, UK economic indicators have failed to give a clear indication of the true state of play. That is why the next few weeks will prove important on the corporate trading front. Almost a dozen top 100 companies will report this week with more in the pipeline. The hope is that the figures unveiled will show a significant improvement on those of a year ago when recession found more than full reflection. But if the picture painted fails to reflect Government assurances that the recovery is under way, then a further correction would look to be on the way. In the meantime, investors can look forward to a game of follow-the-leader with the bond market futures continuing to lead the way.

Ostriches losing out to O'Reilly

☐ ONCE again Tony O'Reilly has made the *La Repubblica/El Pais*/MGN/Andreas Whittam Smith consortium — still attempting to acquire control of a publishing enterprise in which it already holds a 48 per cent stake — look like a slow-footed, bureaucratic *er . . . consortium.*

Independent Newspapers has duly snapped up a further 5 per cent block of Newspaper Publishing's equity — subject to clearance from Michael Heseltine — from half a dozen fund managers. A meeting of Newspaper Publishing's Board Committee (the independent aspect of *The Independent*), is scheduled for 11.15 this morning to discuss the consortium offer, further and better particulars — as requested — having been delivered yesterday.

Chairman Ian Davison, having raised shareholder value three-fold in a matter of weeks, is under pressure (not least because of Newspaper Publishing's cash position) to recommend the consortium's terms. A statement of sorts would appear inevitable. That said, O'Reilly's perfectly reasonable request for board representation has yet to be resolved, with the consortium, advised by Schroders and Hambros, paying dearly for its ostrich-like attitude towards the Dublin raider.

It is now debatable whether MGN will secure its 25 per cent stake, bearing in mind that only 22 per cent of the equity is available. Minority Italian holdings amounting to some 4 per cent might be expected to accept, but certain institutions may choose to stay in for the ride. This means that *The Independent's* journalists, with a potential 6 per cent if options are exercised, could play a significant role. They, of course, are strongly opposed to the MGN culture.

GRE shares drop as profits soar to £183m

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

GUARDIAN Royal Exchange, the UK composite insurance company, kicked off the insurers' reporting season with a leap in full-year pre-tax profits from £3 million to £183 million. But the shares fell sharply from 234p to 218p, with analysts predicting a price war in the UK as the softening in domestic motor and household premiums spreads to commercial lines.

James Morley, the finance director, said: "We are seeing evidence that it is getting more difficult to carry rate increases through on the UK personal lines business while commercial property rates are at their peak."

Stephen Dias, an analyst at Goldman Sachs, said: "1994 will be the best year for UK profits. In 1995 they will be down."

GRE's pre-tax profits for the year to December 31 and the 8.6 per cent rise in the total dividend to 7.6p were at the top end of market forecasts. Including investment gains, pre-tax profits rose from £150 million to £751 million.

The turnround in profits was principally driven by the non-life business, which made an operating profit of £359 million, up from £10 million last time. The main engine for the recovery was the UK operation, which accounts for 43 per cent of worldwide premium income and produced 61 per cent of worldwide operating profits. Operating profits rose from £16 million to £220 million, reflecting the private motor and household accounts, which moved from a combined loss of £38 million to a profit of £59 million.

Sid Hopkins, chief executive, said: "This is the first underwriting profit for private cars and households for a very long time although it hasn't yet replenished the losses we have made in recent years."

On the life side, operating profits rose from £21 million to £23 million. Mr Hopkins said that GRE's tie with the Nationwide Building Society expires at the end of the year. Nationwide is reviewing the tie and GRE said it would not be surprised if it was severed.

Further cost cutting is under way, including the possibility of further job cuts after last month's announcement of 268 job losses.

☐ A rise in brokerage and fees helped Sedgwick, the insurance broker, lift pre-tax profits from £56.7 million to £70.5 million in the year to December 31. The total dividend is held at 6p. Brokerage and fees rose from £631.9 million to £762 million, helped by a contribution of £34.8 million from Noble Lowndes and Medisure, consulting operations acquired last year.

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SmithKline Beecham dividend tonic


ROBIN MAYES

Bob Bauman of SB points to new products

BY OUR CITY STAFF

SMITHKLINE Beecham, the Anglo-American pharmaceuticals group, pleased the City yesterday with a better-than-expected 24 per cent rise in the total dividend to 10.9p.

Pre-tax profits for the year to December 31, at the top end of market expectations, rose 12 per cent to £1.22 million. But the shares were unchanged at 406p, reflecting concern at the expiry of the US patent of Tagamet, the anti-ulcer treatment and once the world's best-selling drug, in May.

Bob Bauman, chief executive, who is taking over at British Aerospace, stressed that sales growth of new products would stem the expected decline in Tagamet sales. Tagamet contributed £614 million to total sales of £6.16 billion, up 10 per cent from last time. However, Jan Leschly, chief executive designate, said the rise in Tagamet sales was due to currency movements; sales would have fallen 6 per cent. The patent expiry exposes about £400 million of Tagamet sales.

Group sales of continuing operations rose 23 per cent to £6.04 billion, helped by currency gains. Stripping these out, sales rose 10 per cent, of which 9 percentage points reflected volume growth.

SB pharmaceuticals, the group's driving force, accounted for 56.5 per cent of total sales and 70 per cent of trading profit. The best-selling drug was Augmentin, an antibiotic, with sales of £760 million, up 17 per cent at constant exchange rates.

Consumer brands' trading profits rose 7 per cent to £163 million on a 12 per cent rise in sales. Animal health and clinical laboratories contributed £64 million and £95 million to trading profits respectively.

Gearing fell to zero as SKB transformed borrowings of £392 million into net cash of £38 million.

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Bradford & Bingley halves provisions

BY SARA MCCONNELL, PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

PROVISIONS for bad debts nearly halved last year to £43.7 million at the Bradford & Bingley, helping the seventh-largest building society to a 47 per cent increase in pre-tax profits of £134.3 million for the 1993 financial year.

The society said a combination of lower interest rates and a slight improvement in the housing market enabled it to make lower bad-debt provisions for 1993.

Mortgage arrears of three months or more fell by 27 per cent compared with the end of 1992. The society's stock of repossessed properties was reduced from 2,419 to 1,122 by the end of last year, partly because it had managed to sell more than 1,000 properties through two business expansion schemes, which then offered them for rent.

Almost 500 borrowers had taken advantage of the society's mortgage rescue scheme, which aims to help people experiencing financial difficulties to keep their homes.

Other income and charges, including commission earned by the society on sales of insurance and investments as an independent financial adviser, rose from £74.9 million to £77.5 million.

Total mortgage lending was slightly lower at £1.8 billion compared with £1.9 billion the previous year.

Retail savings balances rose by £771.5 million, including interest, to £9.98 billion. Net retail savings totalled £384 million.

☐ Pre-tax profits at the Newcastle Building Society rose to £13.8 million from £13.1 million in 1992.

Provisions for bad debts fell from £2.1 million to £1.6 million in the last financial year.

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Sainsbury shares take a tumble as food price war bites

STOCK MARKET

CITY investors appear to be taking the view that shares of **J Sainsbury**, Britain's biggest food retailer, have passed their sell-by date, with the price tumbling another 12p to a year's low of 347p as almost 4.5 million changed hands.

The reason for this latest setback for the price seems unclear, but the fall contrasted with modest falls posted by Sainsbury's competitors such as **Tesco**, down 2p at 225p, and **Argyll**, down 2p at 251p.

Earlier this month, Sainsbury announced plans to follow rivals by writing-down the value of its property portfolio. The effect of the *continuing* food price war was also evident, with sales growth slowing and margins under pressure. Since then, the former darling of the stock market has been under a cloud with its credit rating *also being downgraded.*

The rest of the equity market spent another anxious day awaiting details of the speech to Congress by Alan *Greenspan, the Fed chair*man. He indicated that US interest rates may have to rise soon, but he made no mention of the radical alterations to US monetary policy that many had feared.

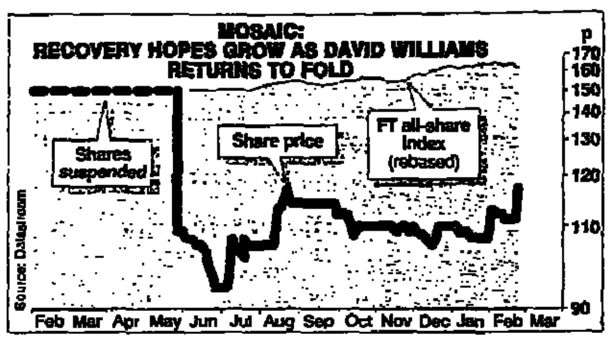
As a result, Wall Street returned from a public holiday in positive frame of mind, allowing London to halve earlier losses. The FT-SE 100 *index was down 30 at one* stage after gloomy comments by the Treasury's independent forecasters, but recovered to close 16.6 lower at 3,333.7, with 625 million shares traded.

Westland held steady at 332p amid whispers in the City that the group has had talks with **GKN**, unchanged at 549p. Little headway is *thought to have been made*, and Westland is expected to continue fighting GKN's bid.

British Aerospace climbed 9p, to 540p, ahead of figures today, with *Credit Lyonnais* Laing, the broker, urging clients to buy.

Turnover in shares of **Granada** was heavy, at 6.1 mil*lion, with the outcome of the* battle for LWT expected soon; the price fell 16p, to 580p. **LWT (Holdings)** dropped 15p to 728p.

***Mosaic Investments** leapt* 6p, to 27p, on David Williams's rejoining the board as chairman. He was chairman of Molynx, recently acquired *by Bob Morton's new vehicle,* Silvermines. When Mr Williams left Mosaic in 1991, the shares were riding high at 280p. However, the compa*ny's fortunes went into de*cline, resulting in pressure for his return. He intends to get Mosaic back on its feet now that it is debt-free.



***SmithKline Beecham** 'A'* finished 1p firmer at 407p in spite of bumper full-year figures showing pre-tax profits touching £1.2 billion, up from £1.08 billion last time.

Large investment gains of £568 *million boosted pre-tax* profits of **Guardian Royal Exchange** from £150 million to £751 million. In spite of the better than expected performance, the shares lost 16p, to 218p.

The rest of the insurers also lost ground, with **Royal Insurance**, 8p down, at 298p, as a line of 2 million shares that had been overhanging the *market* were cleared at 302p. **Commercial Union** eased 9p, to 624p, **General Accident**, 30p to 647p, **Sun Alliance**, 13p to 361p.

***Thorn EMI** added 7p to* £11.45 on third-quarter figures showing pre-tax profits 11 per cent ahead.

Unilever fell 38p, to £11.61, on a drop in full-year pre-tax profits from £2 billion to £1.94 *billion after a one-off charge* of £490 million relating to 7,500 job losses worldwide.

☐ **GILT-EDGED** — Gilts ended the day mixed in the wake of comments about possible rises in both domestic and US interest rates. The long end of the market posted small gains, with the March series of the **Long Gilt** future adding three ticks at £114 7/16 as 147,000 contracts were completed.

However, shorts and mediums suffered falls of around £½ as investors began mak*ing space for tomorrow's £2.5* billion auction and the Treasury panel conceded that interest rates may have to rise next year.

Treasury 9½ *per cent* 1999 lost £½ at £113 5/32. At the longer end, **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** was a tick firmer at £119 31/32.

☐ **WALL STREET** — New York shares were mixed at *midday, with some strength* in high-technology and individual cyclical issues. Analysts said that comments to Congress by Alan Greenspan held few surprises and had a limited effect on trading.

Blue chips continued to rally, with the Dow Jones industrial average up 16.89, at 3,904.35.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND
US $ .... 1.4789 (+0.0029)
German mark .... 2.5526 (+0.0031)
Exchange index .... 80.7 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET
FT-SE 100 .... 3333.7 (-16.6)
Dow Jones .... 3904.35 (+16.89)*
Nikkei Avg .... 19342.63 (-51.31)

INTEREST RATES
London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank 5⅛-5 1/16%
US Federal Funds 3¼%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.30-3.28%*
Long Bond 6.62%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		*London:*	
£:$	1.4755*	£:$	1.4785
$:DM	1.7255*	£:DM	2.5512
$:SWfr	1.4495*	£:SWfr	2.1443
$:Ffr	5.8640*	£:Ffr	8.6675
$:Yen	105.25*	£:Yen	155.69
£:SDR	1.0596	£:ECU	1.3184

London Forex market close

GOLD
London Fixing ($)
AM 378.10 .... PM 379.40
Close 378.40-378.90
New York:
Comex 378.25-378.75*

OIL
Brent Crude .... $13.40 per bbl (Apr)

RETAIL PRICES
RPI..141.3 Jan (2.5%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.19	1.99
Austria Sch	18.90	17.40
Belgium Fr	55.65	51.25
Canada $	2.095	1.935
Cyprus Cyp£	0.796	0.746
Denmark Kr	10.57	9.77
Finland Mkk	8.84	8.04
France Fr	9.11	8.41
Germany Dm	2.70	2.49
Greece Dr	390.50	365.50
Hong Kong $	12.08	11.06
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2568.00	2413.00
Japan Yen	171.50	154.50
Malta	0.617	0.562
Netherlds Gld	3.008	2.778
Norway Kr	11.61	10.81
Portugal Esc	269.50	251.00
S Africa Rd	5.75	4.95
Spain Pta	215.00	201.00
Sweden Kr	12.26	11.46
Switzerland Fr	2.28	2.10
Turkey Lira	27213.0	25713.0
USA $	1.575	1.445

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Flotation places £209m value on Graham Group

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

SHARES in next month's flotation of Graham Group, Britain's fourth-largest builders merchant, have been priced at 183p, valuing the company at £209.8 million.

The decision to spin off its 100 per cent stake in Graham is worth £234.2 million to BTR, including almost £24 million of debt.

The flotation, underwritten by NatWest Securities, is in the form of a placing and public offer of 114.6 million ordinary shares; 74.5 million are being placed with institutions.

At the issue price, the shares are on an historic price-earnings multiple of 20.1 times, a significant discount to similar companies. Ian Mills, Graham's managing director, said the discount reflected the fact that "we are a new team with new ideas for a company that needs to change".

The company made pre-tax profits of £13.5 million on sales of £364.4 million for the year to December 31. The application deadline is March 2; trading starts on March 8.

Among the other companies coming to market is McDonnell Information Systems (MDIS), the computing services group, which will be capitalised at about £250 million. It will raise about £110 million of new equity and about £80 million from existing shareholders.

Applied Distribution Group is likely to raise £20 million via a placing that capitalises the contract distribution business at about £40 million. The company made an operating profit of £3.6 million in 1993, on turnover of £26.4 million.

Partco Group, which distributes vehicle components, should raise about £25 million through a placing and intermediaries offer, capitalising it at about £50 million. Proceeds will reduce gearing from 60 to about 30 per cent.

Shares in Finelist Group, the distributor of replacement vehicle parts to the UK automotive aftermarket, were priced at 130p, valuing it at £28.3 million. The company is being floated through a £15.9 million placing to institutions, raising £4.9 million.

Shares in Radstone Technology, which supplies computer sub-systems to the industrial and defence sectors, will be priced at 125p, capitalising it at £19.2 million.



New team: Graham's Gordon Yardley and Ian Mills

Badgerline to buy bus operator

Badgerline, the bus and coach operator that floated last November, is buying PMT Group, the North Staffordshire and South Cheshire bus operator, for £23 million.

PMT reported profits of £3 *million on turnover of £26* million in 1993. The deal will be financed by the issue of £8 million in Badgerline shares, £8 million in loan notes, and £7 *million* in cash.

Pifco ahead

Consumers in the 1990s are increasingly "living within their means", according to Pifco, which makes Russell Hobbs kettles. Michael Webber, the chairman, said this was a turnaround from the 1980s when people bought "on want rather than need". Pre-tax profits were £1.22 million (£1.03 million) in the six months to October 31; the interim dividend rises 9 per cent to 1.9p. Earnings per share rose 20 per cent to 7.1p.

Tioxide sells

Tioxide Group, the ICI subsidiary, has sold its 44.6 per cent stake in Westralian Sands for £35 million. The company produces the minerals ilmenite and synthetic rutile, used to produce *titanium dioxide* pigment. The Tioxide stake of 21.2 million shares was placed mainly in Australia.

Small firms call

The Government is being asked to agree that it has a duty to promote the growth of small businesses and to consider their needs. Sir Michael Grylls, Conservative MP for Surrey North West, is presenting a Private Members' Bill on Friday on behalf of the Small Business Bureau, a lobby group for small firms. There is growing pressure on the Government to address the needs of small firms, particularly in relation to late payment of bills.

WALL STREET

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Dresser	22[illegible]	22[illegible]
Duke Power	38[illegible]	37[illegible]
Dun & Brdstreet	61[illegible]	61[illegible]
Du Pont	54[illegible]	54[illegible]
Eastman Kodak	42[illegible]	42[illegible]

	Feb 22 midday	Feb 18 close
Eaton Corp	56[illegible]	57[illegible]
Emerson Elec	64[illegible]	62[illegible]
Engelhard Corp	27[illegible]	27[illegible]
Enron Corp	32[illegible]	32[illegible]
Ethyl Corp	18[illegible]	18[illegible]
Exxon	66[illegible]	66[illegible]
FMC Corp	49[illegible]	49[illegible]
FPL Group	33[illegible]	33[illegible]
Federal Express	76[illegible]	76[illegible]
Fed Nat Mtge	84[illegible]	84
First Chicago	47[illegible]	46[illegible]
First Interstate	66[illegible]	65[illegible]
First Union Rlty	9[illegible]	10
Fleet Finl Grp	33	33[illegible]
Fluor Corp	45[illegible]	45[illegible]
Ford Motor	64	64[illegible]
GTE Corp	32	31[illegible]
Gannett	54[illegible]	54[illegible]
Gap Inc Del	44[illegible]	43[illegible]
Gen Dynamics	92[illegible]	93[illegible]
Gen Electric	108	108
Gen Mills	56[illegible]	57[illegible]
Gen Motors	59[illegible]	59[illegible]
Gen Reinsurance	109	108
Gen Signal	35	35
Genuine Parts	37[illegible]	37[illegible]
Georgia Pac	73[illegible]	74
Gillette	63	61[illegible]
Glaxo ADR	19[illegible]	19[illegible]
Goodrich (BF)	41[illegible]	41
Goodyear Tire	46[illegible]	46[illegible]
Grace (W&R)	44[illegible]	44[illegible]
Grt Atl Pac Tea	26[illegible]	26[illegible]
Great Wstn Fin	17[illegible]	17[illegible]
Halliburton	32[illegible]	31[illegible]
Harcourt General	36[illegible]	36[illegible]
Heinz (HJ)	33[illegible]	33[illegible]
Hercules	117[illegible]	117[illegible]
Hershey Foods	52[illegible]	50[illegible]
Hewlett Packard	90	89
Hilton Hotels	73	72[illegible]
Home Depot	38[illegible]	39[illegible]
Homestake Mng	20[illegible]	21[illegible]
Honeywell	32[illegible]	32[illegible]
Household Intl	34[illegible]	35
Houston Inds	41[illegible]	41[illegible]
Humana	20[illegible]	20[illegible]
ITT Corp	97[illegible]	98[illegible]
Illinois Tool	43[illegible]	43[illegible]
INCO	25[illegible]	25[illegible]
Ingersoll Rand	38[illegible]	38[illegible]
Inland Steel	33[illegible]	33[illegible]
Intel Corp	67[illegible]	66[illegible]
IBM	53[illegible]	52[illegible]
Intl Flav & Fr	37[illegible]	37[illegible]
Intl Paper	74[illegible]	74[illegible]
James River Va	19[illegible]	19[illegible]
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41[illegible]	41[illegible]
K Mart	18[illegible]	19[illegible]
Kellogg	52[illegible]	50[illegible]
Kerr-McGee	45[illegible]	45[illegible]
Kimberly-Clark	56[illegible]	56[illegible]
Knight-Ridder	56[illegible]	56[illegible]
Lilly (Eli)	55	54[illegible]
Limited Inc	17[illegible]	17[illegible]
LIN Brdcstng	114[illegible]	114[illegible]
Lincoln Nat	40[illegible]	40[illegible]
Litton	68[illegible]	68[illegible]
Liz Claiborne	21[illegible]	21[illegible]
Lockheed Corp	67[illegible]	66[illegible]
Louisiana Pac	44	43[illegible]
MCI Commun	26[illegible]	26[illegible]
Marriott Intl	30[illegible]	30[illegible]
Marsh & McLnn	83[illegible]	82[illegible]
Masco Corp	36[illegible]	36[illegible]
May Dept St	42[illegible]	42[illegible]
Maytag Corp	16[illegible]	17
McCaw Cellular	51[illegible]	51[illegible]
McDonalds	60[illegible]	60[illegible]
McDonnell D	122[illegible]	120[illegible]
McGraw Hill	69[illegible]	69[illegible]
Mead Corp	45[illegible]	45
Medtronic	80[illegible]	82[illegible]
Mellon Bk	54[illegible]	54[illegible]
Melville Corp	38[illegible]	38[illegible]
Merck Inc	32[illegible]	32[illegible]
Merrill Lynch	41[illegible]	41[illegible]
Minnesota Mine	106[illegible]	105
Mobil Corp	79[illegible]	80[illegible]
Monsanto	78[illegible]	78
Morgan (JP)	69[illegible]	68
Motorola Inc	104[illegible]	103[illegible]
Natl Medical	15[illegible]	15[illegible]
Natl Semi	20[illegible]	20[illegible]
Natl Service Ind	27[illegible]	27[illegible]
Navistar Int	25	25[illegible]
NBD Bancorp	28[illegible]	28[illegible]
NY Times A	27[illegible]	27
Newmont Mng	52[illegible]	52[illegible]
Niag Mohawk	18[illegible]	18[illegible]
Nike B	51[illegible]	51[illegible]
NL Industries	9[illegible]	8[illegible]
Nordstrom	36	36[illegible]
Norfolk Sthrn	70[illegible]	70[illegible]
Nthn State Pwr	40[illegible]	40[illegible]
Norwest Corp	24	23[illegible]
Nynex Corp	37[illegible]	37
Occidental Pet	18[illegible]	18[illegible]
Ohio Edison	20[illegible]	20
Oracle Systems	33[illegible]	34[illegible]

	Feb 22 midday	Feb 18 close
Oryx Energy Co	18[illegible]	18[illegible]
Owens Corning	42	41[illegible]
PNC Financial	28[illegible]	28[illegible]
PPG Industries	77[illegible]	77[illegible]
Paccar Inc	59[illegible]	58[illegible]
Pacificorp	17[illegible]	17[illegible]
Pac Enterprises	21[illegible]	21[illegible]
Pac Gas & Elect	30[illegible]	30[illegible]
Pac Telesis	55[illegible]	55[illegible]
Pall Corp	17[illegible]	17[illegible]
Panhandle East	23[illegible]	22[illegible]
Paramnt Comm	75[illegible]	75
Parker Hannifin	36[illegible]	36[illegible]
Penney (JC)	53[illegible]	52[illegible]
Pennzoil	54[illegible]	54[illegible]
Pepsico	39[illegible]	39
Pfizer	57[illegible]	57[illegible]
Phelps Dodge	54[illegible]	54[illegible]
Philadel Elec	29[illegible]	29[illegible]
Philip Morris	58	57[illegible]
Phillips Pet	29[illegible]	29[illegible]
Pitney Bowes	44[illegible]	44
Polaroid	31[illegible]	32[illegible]
PriceCostco	18[illegible]	19
Procter & Gmbl	58[illegible]	57[illegible]
Pub Serv E & G	29[illegible]	29[illegible]
Quaker Oats	64[illegible]	63
Ralston Purina	43[illegible]	43[illegible]
Raychem Corp	37[illegible]	37[illegible]
Raytheon	61[illegible]	62
Reebok *Intl*	33[illegible]	32[illegible]
Reynolds Metals	49[illegible]	50[illegible]
Roadway Srvcs	70[illegible]	70[illegible]
Rockwell Intl	42[illegible]	42[illegible]
Rohm & Haas	58	57[illegible]
Royal Dutch	107[illegible]	107[illegible]
Rubbermaid	31	30[illegible]
Safeco Corp	58	57[illegible]
St Paul's Cos	83[illegible]	83[illegible]
Salomon Inc	50[illegible]	50[illegible]
Santa Fe Pac	23[illegible]	23[illegible]
Sara Lee Corp	22	21[illegible]
Scecorp	18[illegible]	18[illegible]
Schering Plough	59[illegible]	59[illegible]
Schlumberger	57[illegible]	58
Scott Paper	45[illegible]	44[illegible]
Seagram	28[illegible]	28[illegible]
Sears Roebuck	46[illegible]	46[illegible]
Shell Trans	63[illegible]	64[illegible]
Sherwin Wlms	34[illegible]	35
Skyline Corp	20[illegible]	20[illegible]
Snap-On-Tools	43[illegible]	43[illegible]
Southern Co	40[illegible]	40[illegible]
Sthwestern Bell	38[illegible]	38
Sprint Corp	37[illegible]	36[illegible]
Stanley Works	44[illegible]	43[illegible]
Sun Company	31[illegible]	31[illegible]
Sun Microsys	26	26[illegible]
Suntrust	45[illegible]	44[illegible]
Supervalu	38[illegible]	38[illegible]
Syntex Corp	14	13[illegible]
Sysco Corp	28[illegible]	28[illegible]
TRW Inc	72[illegible]	72[illegible]
Tandem Comp	14	13[illegible]
Tandy Corp	42[illegible]	42
Telecom Corp	3[illegible]	3[illegible]
Teledyne	20[illegible]	20[illegible]
Temple Inland	50[illegible]	50[illegible]
Tenneco	57	56[illegible]
Texaco	66[illegible]	65[illegible]
Texas Inst	80[illegible]	79[illegible]
Texas Utilities	37[illegible]	37[illegible]
Textron	59[illegible]	59[illegible]
Time Warner	38[illegible]	38[illegible]
Times-Mirror	33[illegible]	33[illegible]
Timken	36[illegible]	36[illegible]
Torchmark	44[illegible]	44[illegible]
Toys R Us	36[illegible]	35[illegible]
Transamerica	51[illegible]	51[illegible]
Travelers	38	37[illegible]
Tribune	56[illegible]	56
Tyco Labs	52	52[illegible]
UAL Corp	140[illegible]	141[illegible]
UST Inc	28[illegible]	28[illegible]
USX Marathon	17[illegible]	17
Unilever NV	114[illegible]	116[illegible]
Union Camp	48[illegible]	47[illegible]
Union Carbide	25[illegible]	25[illegible]
Union Pacific	61	60[illegible]
Unisys Corp	14[illegible]	14[illegible]
USAIR Group	12[illegible]	12[illegible]
USF&G Corp	14[illegible]	14[illegible]
US Life	39[illegible]	38[illegible]
US West	39[illegible]	40
United Tech	69[illegible]	69[illegible]
Unocal Corp	29[illegible]	29[illegible]
Upjohn	28[illegible]	28[illegible]
VF Corp	48[illegible]	48[illegible]
WMX Tech	24[illegible]	24[illegible]
Wal-Mart Stores	28[illegible]	27[illegible]
Warner-Lambert	64[illegible]	64[illegible]
Wells Fargo	135[illegible]	134[illegible]
Westinghouse El	14[illegible]	14[illegible]
Weyerhaeuser	47[illegible]	47[illegible]
Whirlpool	67[illegible]	68[illegible]
Whitman	16[illegible]	16[illegible]
Winn Dixie	50[illegible]	49[illegible]
Woolworth	23[illegible]	24
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44[illegible]	44[illegible]
Xerox	98[illegible]	98[illegible]

RECENT ISSUES

Alpha Airports (140)	166½	-2½
Chiroscience (150)	147	-4
Clinical Computing (150)	157	+2
Coda (235)	262	-3
Computerised Fin (90)	137	-1
Energy Capital (50)	58	...
Energy Capital Wts	28	...
Herald Inv Tst (100)	94	...
Herald Inv Wts	47	...
K'wort Euro Pt (50)	41½	-½
K'wort Euro Pt Wts	38	...
Mithras Inv Tst (50)	51	+1
Mithras Inv Wts	26	-1
Parkside Intl (110)	125	...
Slimma (120)	142	...
Taiwan Inv (100)	93	...
Taiwan Inv Wts	45	...
Thornton Pan Euro Wts	12	...
Thornton Zero Div Pf	51¼	+¼
Trifast (200)	215	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Beaufort n/p (20)	8	-7
Beckenham Grp n/p (25)	2	...
Carlisle n/p (11)	20½	-1
Spring Ram n/p (53)	19½	-1½
Stanley Leisure n/p (275)	44	...
Utility Cable n/p (10)	26½	...
Worthington n/p (51)	10	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
HSBC .... 988p (+11p)
Bass .... 518p (+10p)
Scot & New .... 527p (+10p)
Sidlaw .... 347p (+12p)
Quarto .... 335p (+17p)
Atlas Equip .... 538p (+10p)
Broken Hill .... 882p (+20½p)
Swire Pacific 'A' .... 488p (+12½p)
Wolseley .... 898p (+14p)

FALLS:
LWT Hldgs .... 728p (-15p)
Sun Alliance .... 361p (-13p)
Britannic .... 495p (-10p)
J Sainsbury .... 347p (-12p)
Govett .... 452p (-10p)
Kleinwort Ben .... 589p (-10p)
RMC Group .... 949p (-15p)
Inchcape .... 564p (-10p)
ICI .... 748p (-12p)
Hammerson .... 410p (-10p)
Jermyn .... 225p (-30p)
Assoc Br Ports .... 611p (-14p)
Mersey Docks .... 483p (-10p)
Yorks Chem .... 459p (-11p)
GUS .... 615p (-17p)
Macro 4 .... 675p (-38p)
Vodafone .... 605p (-10p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	3,700	Cadbury	1,500	MEPC	813	Scot Power	1,400
Abbey Natl	2,200	Caradon	1,000	Marks Spr	1,600	Sears	1,500
Alld-Lyons	1,500	Carlton Cms	1,800	NFC	842	Svrn Trent	1,000
Anglian W	429	Coats Vyla	1,900	NatWst Bk	2,700	Shell Trans	3,700
Argyll Gp	3,600	Cm Union	2,500	Nat Power	2,000	Siebe	1,500
Arjo Wiggn	745	Courtaulds	391	Nth Wst W	813	SmKl Bch	2,900
AB Foods	329	Enterpr Oil	282	Nthrn Fds	2,600	Smith Nph	5,100
BAA	1,800	Forte	1,600	P & O	1,100	Sthrn Elec	663
BAT Inds	4,900	GRE	6,800	Pearson	1,800	Std Chartd	326
BOC	1,500	GUS	1,800	PowerGen	1,900	Sun Allnce	6,100
BP	4,000	Gen Acc	2,100	Prudential	2,700	TI Gp	482
BTR	3,900	Gen Elec	2,500	RMC	451	TSB	3,200
BT	7,100	Glaxo	3,600	RTZ	1,800	Tesco	5,600
Bk of Scot	1,800	Granada	6,100	Rank Org	988	Thames W	1,500
Barclays	6,400	Grand Met	1,800	Reckitt Col	2,000	Thrn EMI	2,000
Bass	702	Guinness	1,200	Redland	811	Tomkins	1,100
Blue Circle	1,000	HSBC	4,500	Reed Intl	711	Unilever	4,600
Boots	1,300	Hanson	10,000	Rentokil	1,500	Utd Bisc	1,600
Bowater	877	ICI	1,900	Reuters	450	Vodafone	2,600
Brit Aero	2,000	Inchcape	716	*Rolls Royce*	2,400	Wrbrg (SG)	895
Brit Airwys	1,000	Kingfisher	1,500	Ryl Ins	5,000	Wellcome	2,400
Brit Gas	21,000	Ladbroke	2,700	Ryl Bk Scot	1,500	Whitbread	290
Brit Steel	4,000	Land Secs	1,200	Sainsbury	5,100	Wlms Hld	232
Burmah C	1,200	Legal & Gn	574	Schroders	8	Wolseley	155
Cable Wire	3,600	Lloyds Bk	2,900	Scot & New	301	Zeneca	899

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3904.35 (+16.89)
S&P Composite .... 469.98 (+2.29)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 19342.63 (-51.31)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 10674.01 (+217.56)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 422.23 (-3.30)

Sydney: AO .... 2202.5 (-24.0)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2107.62 (-11.91)

FT 30 share: .... 2576.0 (-9.3)

Brussels:
General .... 7640.84 (-76.15)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2226.73 (+11.53)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 708.00 (-2.40)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1679.41 (-7.55)
FT Non Financials .... 1791.46 (-7.40)
FT Gold Mines .... 206.2 (-3.3)
FT Fixed Interest .... 125.52 (-1.90)
FT Govt Secs .... 102.53 (-0.66)
Bargains 29617
SEAQ Volume 625.2m
USM (Datastrm) .... 170.31 (-0.39)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	*Last Dealings*	*Last Declaration*	*For Settlement*
Feb 21	March 4	June 2	June 13

Call options were taken out on 22/2/94: Asda, Avesco, BP, Bernard Matthews, *Europe Energy, Euro Disney, Hawtin, MTM, Navan Res. Rhino. Sycamore,* Transworld, Vardon. **Puts:** Euro Disney, Navan Res. Rodime, Severn Trent. **Puts & Calls:** Burton, Caird Pref, Hanson Wts. Rhino.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3352.0	3355.0	3302.0	3323.0	20144
Previous open interest: 72673	Jun 94	3357.0	3357.0	3319.0	3336.5	94
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.84	94.86	94.79	94.80	20978
Previous open interest: 433632	Jun 94	94.96	94.98	94.83	94.88	48288
	Sep 94	94.94	94.95	94.77	94.80	14350
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	96.32	96.33	96.31	96.30	257
Previous open interest: 14234	Jun 94	95.95	95.96	95.95	95.94	350
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	94.24	94.26	94.22	94.23	23268
Previous open interest: 979597	Jun 94	94.69	94.73	94.67	94.71	33668
Long Gilt	Mar 94	114-25	114-27	113-21	114-14	165368
Previous open interest: 158018	Jun 94	113-30	114-00	112-31	113-21	19793
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	113.78	114.04	113.78	113.95	203
	Jun 94	112.50	112.94	112.50	112.80	2685
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	97.56	97.95	97.36	97.83	231252
Previous open interest: 230097	Jun 94	97.50	97.71	97.19	97.61	25397
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	101.64	101.82	101.44	101.67	673
Previous open interest: 9731	Jun 94				101.85	0
Three month ECU	Mar 94	93.80	93.81	93.78	93.79	1838
Previous open interest: 39113	Jun 94	94.25	94.27	94.23	94.24	1218
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	95.95	95.97	95.93	95.95	2962
Previous open interest: 65565	Jun 94	96.16	96.18	96.13	96.16	2901
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	114.90	115.60	114.42	115.18	78726
Previous open interest: 95892	Jun 94	115.00	115.45	114.50	115.22	17188

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 80.7 (day's range 80.6-80.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 22	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8596-2.8701	2.8596-2.8631	par-⅛ds	par-¼ds
Brussels	52.48-52.71	52.48-52.58	4-7ds	14-20ds
Copenhagen	9.9460-9.9970	9.9750-9.9900	⅛-1⅛ds	2⅛-3⅞ds
Dublin	1.0420-1.0455	1.0423-1.0454	6-10ds	25-30ds
Frankfurt	2.5495-2.5579	2.5495-2.5528	⅛-¼ds	⅜-⅝ds
Lisbon	258.28-259.57	258.28-258.90	75-114ds	237-350ds
Madrid	207.43-208.19	207.43-207.73	54-62ds	172-192ds
Milan	2472.70-2489.70	2478.60-2482.60	5-7ds	18-20ds
Montreal	1.9807-1.9880	1.9845-1.9874	0.24-0.19pr	0.48-0.39pr
New York	1.4738-1.4801	1.4780-1.4790	0.20-0.19pr	0.55-0.52pr
Oslo	11.0190-11.0750	11.0510-11.0660	½-⅛pr	⅞-1ds
Paris	8.6600-8.6920	8.6600-8.6750	⅜-⅞ds	2⅛-2⅝ds
Stockholm	11.6960-11.7610	11.7290-11.7530	1⅛-2⅛ds	5⅛-6⅛ds
Tokyo	155.55-156.13	155.55-155.82	⅜-⅛pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.94-18.00	17.94-17.97	par-⅞ds	par-1⅛ds
Zurich	2.1428-2.1498	2.1428-2.1458	⅛-⅛pr	⅜-⅛pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4780-1.4805
Australia dollar	2.0544-2.0572
Bahrain dinar	0.5495-0.5615
Brazil cruzeiro *	864.17-865.95
Cyprus pound	0.76-0.77
Finland marka	8.1378-8.253
Greece drachma	365.75-372.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.4444-11.4536
India rupee	45.80-46.76
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4325-0.4425
Malaysia ringgit	4.5994-4.6039
Mexico peso	4.52-4.62
New Zealand dollar	2.5592-2.5618
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.467-5.593
Singapore dollar	2.3532-2.3555
S Africa rand (fin)	6.8084-6.8575
S Africa rand (com)	5.1377-5.1358
U A E dirham	5.353-5.477

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3873-1.3881
Austria	12.14-12.15
Belgium (Com)	35.53-35.57
Canada	1.3433-1.3438
Denmark	6.7350-6.7400
France	5.8615-5.8645
Germany	1.7260-1.7270
Hong Kong	7.7275-7.7285
Ireland	1.4176-1.4191
Italy	1678.25-1679.75
Japan	105.46-105.51
Malaysia	2.7700-2.7720
Netherlands	1.9379-1.9384
Norway	7.4675-7.4705
Portugal	174.90-175.10
Singapore	1.5900-1.5910
Spain	140.52-140.62
Sweden	7.9280-7.9380
Switzerland	1.4505-1.4515

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5¼
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 4¾ Low 3½ Week fixed: 4⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 4⅞; 3 mth 4⅞. Sell: 2 mth 4 25/32; 3 mth: 4 25/32.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	4 29/32-4 27/32	4⅞-4 27/32	4⅞-4 27/32	4⅞-4 27/32	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅛-5	5⅛-5 1/16	5⅛-5 1/16	5⅛-5 1/16	5⅛-5¼
Interbank:	5⅛-5	5⅛-5 1/16	5⅛-5 1/16	5⅛-5 1/16	5⅛-5¼
Overnight: open 5, close 2.					
Local Authority Deps:	5	n/a	5 1/16	5 1/16	5¼
Sterling CDs:	5 1/16-5	5 1/16-5	5 1/16-5	5 1/16-5	5¼-5 3/16
Dollar CDs:	3.40-3.37	n/a	3.56-3.53	3.78-3.75	4.12-4.09
Building Society CDs:	5 3/16-5⅛	5 1/16-5⅛	5 1/16-5⅛	5 3/16-5⅛	5 3/16-5⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1994 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1994 to Mar 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.70%. Reference rate Jan 1, 1994 to Jan 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.434%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3 5/16-2 15/16	3 5/16-3⅛	3⅝-3½	3 27/32-3 23/32	3½-2½
Deutschemark:	6⅛-6	6⅛-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5 25/32-5 21/32	6½-5½
French Franc:	6⅞-6¾	6 19/32-6 17/32	6 15/32-6⅜	6 13/32-5 25/32	6⅞-5⅝
Swiss Franc:	4⅞-4½	4 3/16-4 1/16	4⅛-4	4-3⅞	4⅛-3½
Yen:	2¼-2⅛	2 3/16-2 1/16	2⅛-2¼	2¼-2⅛	2¼-1¼

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $378.70-379.10 **Close:** $378.40-378.90 **High:** $379.40-379.90 **Low:** $377.25-377.75 **Krugerrand:** $377.00-380.00 (£254.75-256.75)
Sovereigns: Old $87.75-90.75 (£59.50-61.50) **New** $87.75-90.75 (£59.50-61.50)
Platinum: $395.85 (£268.00) **Silver:** $5.20 (£3.515) **Palladium:** $132.75 (£89.90)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Allc Lyon	600	28	37½	47½	17	39½	42
(*605)	650	8	17½	27	50	68½	73
Argyll	240	21½	26½	30½	8	17	21
(*250½)	260	11	16	21½	18½	29	32
ASDA	50	10	12½	13½	1½	3½	5
(*57½)	60	4	6½	8	6	8	10½
Boots	500	47	57	63½	5½	17½	21½
(*536)	550	15½	30½	36½	26	42	45½
Br Airways	460	28½	41	50½	13	27½	32
(*472)	500	11	22½	32½	37	50½	56
BP	360	20	30½	36½	12½	20½	26½
(*364½)	390	7½	17	23½	31	38	43½
Br Steel	140	10	15½	19	7½	12	14½
(*143)	160	2½	7	10	20½	24½	27
C & W	475	23	38½	—	16	29½	—
(*477)	500	13	27	35½	32½	46½	51
CU	600	33	50½	55	15	25	32½
(*624)	650	12½	26½	30½	46	53½	61
ICI	700	57	68½	79½	13½	26	37
(*748)	750	23½	41½	50	38	50½	62½
Kingfishr	600	32½	46½	57	21½	38	47
(*607)	650	12	25	36	52½	68½	76½
Land Sec	700	32½	43	50	12	29½	32½
(*715)	750	9	18	26½	41½	60½	62½
M & S	420	21½	30	37	10½	20½	22½
(*428)	460	5½	13½	19½	35½	44½	46
Nat West	500	39	54	59½	18	24½	30
(*531½)	550	17½	33	36	46	52	57
Sainsbury	330	28	35	40½	8	19½	22½
(*347½)	360	12	19½	26	23	35½	38½
Shell	700	29½	43½	51	19½	28	36½
(*717½)	750	6	20	27½	53½	58	66
Smkl Bch	390	29	41	50½	13	24½	31½
(*406)	420	15	27½	30	29½	40½	47
Storehse	220	23	29½	33½	4	9	12½
(*236)	240	10½	17½	23	12½	18½	22
Trafalgar	106	13	17	—	6½	9½	—
(*111)	115	8	13	—	11½	15½	—
Unilever	1150	36½	56	78	33	47	58
(*1160½)	1200	15	33	54½	67	77	87
Zeneca	750	36½	53½	67½	25	37½	49
(*773½)	800	12½	30½	45	56½	66½	77½
BAA	950	57	72½	91½	15½	32½	41
(*981)	1000	28	45½	64	40	57	64½
Thames W	550	28½	39	45½	13	30½	34
(*561½)	600	8	16	23	43½	64½	65

Series		Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Grnd Met	420	31	42	50½	1	7½	15
(*449½)	460	1	17½	27½	14	25½	33½
Ladbroke	180	19½	24½	28½	1	8	13
(*197½)	200	1½	13	18	4	18½	24
Utd Bisc	330	15½	23	29	1	14	19½
(*342)	360	1	8½	15½	19½	34½	39
BAT Ind	475	7	—	—	2½	—	—
(*479½)	500	1	14½	24½	24½	44	50½
BTR	360	12	23	30½	1½	16	22
(*370)	390	1	6	17	22	34½	39½
Br Aero	500	43	65½	81	2½	27	33½
(*538½)	550	7	45	57	18	49½	59
Br Telecm	420	18½	30	38½	1	8	18
(*436½)	460	1	9	17½	25	29½	39
Cadbury	493	22½	29	—	—	15	—
(*513½)	542	1	7½	—	31½	47½	—
Guinness	500	20½	34	48	1½	22½	32
(*518)	550	1	12	25½	36½	54½	62
GEC	330	4	17	23	2½	12½	21
(*331½)	360	1	5½	11	30½	32½	40½
Hanson	260	16	19½	23½	1	6	10
(*274½)	280	1	9½	13½	7	15½	20
LASMO	120	8½	18½	23½	1	9	14
(*128)	130	2	13	18½	5	14½	19½
Lucas	220	9	16½	24½	1½	12	16½
(*225½)	240	1	8	15	16½	24	28½
Plkngtn	180	21	26½	30½	1	4½	8½
(*199)	200	2½	13½	18½	3½	12½	17½
Prudential	300	31	33½	38½	1	5½	11
(*329)	330	3	13	21½	4	19½	26
Redland	550	29	44	53	1	23	33
(*576)	600	1	17½	29	27	54	63
Royal Ins	288	12	—	—	1	—	—
(*297)	317	1	—	—	21½	—	—
Tesco	220	7	15½	22	0½	14	17
(*224½)	240	1	6½	13½	17½	26½	29½
Vodafone	600	8½	39	59	4	29	45½
(*604½)	650	1	19½	37	47½	57	74½
Williams	390	5½	21	27½	2	19	25
(*393½)	420	1	7½	15	28½	40	44
R-Royce	156	21	—	—	1	—	—
(*175½)	176	2½	—	—	3	—	—
Eastn Elc	650	16	39½	53½	1½	19½	36
(*663)	700	1	16½	29	39½	48	65½

Series		Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat	500	21	32	43	14	24	32
(*511)	550	3	12½	22½	51	56	61½
Amstrad	35	3	5	7	2½	4	5½
(*36)	40	1½	3½	5	6	7½	8½
Barclays	550	32½	45	57	11	22½	33
(*574)	600	8½	22	33½	41½	51	60
Blue Circ	330	34½	39½	49	3½	13½	22½
(*350)	360	13½	22	33	14	28	37
Br Gas	330	16½	23½	26	5½	15	19
(*339)	360	3½	10	14½	23½	34½	37½
Dixons	200	16	24	28½	4	9½	17
(*210½)	220	5½	14	19	16½	20	27½
Forte	240	18½	23½	30	3½	12½	17
(*253)	260	7	13	21½	12	24	28
Hillsdown	160	21½	23½	27	1½	6½	8½
(*178)	180	7	11	16	7½	17	19
Lonrho	140	18	25½	30½	3	9½	13½
(*154)	160	6½	15	20	12	18	24
Sears	110	10½	13	16	2	4½	6½
(*118½)	120	4	7	9½	9½	9½	12
Thrn Emi	1100	60½	91½	109½	11½	27½	50½
(*1145)	1150	28	61	78½	31½	49½	73
Tomkins	260	12	21½	27	6½	12½	19½
(*264)	280	4	12	17½	19½	24½	31½
TSB	240	12	21	29½	6½	15½	19
(*243)	260	4	11½	19½	20½	25	31
Wellcome	600	60	76	95½	7	23½	35
(*648)	650	26	48½	66½	25½	46½	59½
Fisons	120	14½	21	26	4	9½	13½
(*129½)	130	8½	16	21½	9½	15	19
Natl Pwr	460	32	43½	50½	5½	14	24
(*485)	500	8½	21	31	22	36½	44
Scot Pwr	430	21	34	43½	8	17	27½
(*430½)	460	4½	16	25	33	40	50

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Glaxo	650	42½	67½	78½	25	42	59
(*673½)	700	19	44½	56	54½	69½	87½
HSBC	950	76½	114½	139	50½	85	99½
(*986)	1000	51½	91	116	77	108	124½
Reuter	2050	83½	145	183½	83	119½	149
(*2057½)	2100	62½	119	157½	112½	151½	171½

FT-SE INDEX (*3332)

	3200	3250	3300	3350	3400	3450
Calls						
Mar	149	110	76	50	29	17
Apr	168	132	102	75	55	39
May	194	159	129	101	80	59
Jun	210	177	149	120	99	78
Dec	294	—	233	—	183	—
Puts						
Mar	22	35	52	77	108	147
Apr	45	59	80	103	132	165
May	64	79	99	120	149	178
Jun	76	93	114	135	164	192
Dec	137	—	174	—	222	—

February 22, 1994 Tot: 45907 Call: 25167 Put: 20740 FT-SE Call: 9697 Put: 13702
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Aluminium remained stable, despite a series of news stories. Conflicting fortunes of the global output pact are highlighted by statements from Russian and Australian producers. Russia have suspended cut back plans because of the lack of clarity of the intentions of other producers. Meanwhile, Australian producers announced the final phase of their programme to aid the *global* output accord.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA
Mar .... 902-901 May 982-981
May .... 923-922 Jul 991-989
Jul .... 934-932 Sep 1002-1001
Sep .... 945-944 Dec 1020-1010
Dec 957-955
Mar .... 972-971 Volume: 5223

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)
Mar .... 1230-1228 Nov 1236-1234
May .... 1236-1235 Jan 1235-1233
Jul .... 1230-1228 Mar 1234-1230
Sep .... 1234-1232 Volume: 2235

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)
Oct 11.40-11.50
Spot: 273.90 Jan 11.15-11.75
Mar .... 11.05-11.15 Mar 10.90-12.00
May .... 11.50-11.61 May 10.80-12.25
Jul .... 11.56-12.00 Volume: 125

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters Dec 291.5-87.5
Spot: 316.5 Mar 291.5-87.5
May .... 310.7-09.5 May 292.9-88.6
Aug .... 309.0-07.0 Aug 294.0-90.0
Oct .... 293.5-91.5 Volume: 1118

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative *markets on February 22*

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	73.36	119.33	122.66
(+/-)	+1.66	+3.84	-0.16
Eng/Wales:	74.36	119.63	121.39
(+/-)	+1.77	+3.63	-0.34
(%)	+33.1	+32.6	+31.9
Scotland:	68.78	117.57	126.95
(+/-)	+0.69	+3.51	+1.53
(%)	+17.3	-36.0	-6.4

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	—	Mar	unq	—
Sep	unq	—		Volume: 0	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)
Mar 99.60
May 101.30
Jun 101.30
Sep 90.45
Nov 91.45
Volume: 339

BARLEY (close £/t)
Mar 103.40
May 103.75
Sep 91.95
Nov 94.00
Jan 96.00
Volume: 18

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Aug .... unq
Oct ....
Dec ....
Feb ....
Apr ....
Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	135.0
Apr	108.5	108.3
May	127.0	126.3
	Volume:	106

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Apr 64.75-65.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The return of US players from their long weekend helped to strengthen prices.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	13.25	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Mar)	13.30	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Apr)	13.40	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	14.30	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	14.50	n/c

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	150 (n/c)	152 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	139 (+1)	141 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Mar	143 (+2)	144 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Apr	141 (+2)	143 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	79 (+2)	81 (+2)
Naphtha	133 (+2)	135 (+1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL
Mar .... 139.25-39.50 Jun 139.00-39.25
Apr .... 138.75-39.00 Jul 140.50-41.00
May .... 138.25-38.50 Aug 142.75-43.00
Vol: 13396

BRENT (6.00pm)
Apr .... 13.36-13.39 Jul 13.87-13.92
May .... 13.53-13.56 Aug .... n/a
Jun .... 13.70-13.74 Vol: 26655

UNLEADED GASOLINE
Mar .... unq Jun .... unq
Apr .... Jul ....
May .... Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 94	unq	unq	1130
Mar 94	1155	1150	1156
Apr 94	1220	1210	1220
Jul 94	1110	1101	1110

Vol: 57 lots. Open Int'st: 2731 Index 1127 -1

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1884.0-1884.5	1906.5-1907.0	686650
Lead ($/tonne)	476.50-477.50	490.50-491.00	110075
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	961.00-962.00	980.00-981.00	289400
Tin ($/tonne)	5580.0-5590.0	5590.0-5595.0	18610
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1291.0-1291.5	1313.0-1313.5	1182690
Nickel ($/tonne)	5865.0-5868.0	5925.0-5926.0	33888

Western firms battle to be oil barons of Baku



Azerbaijan has petroleum deposits under the Caspian shore larger than the North Sea, and British firms are in the forefront vying for business.

After years of isolation, Azerbaijan brings stark realism for eager outsiders who covet its fuel reserves. Louise Hidalgo reports

At first glance, Azerbaijan may not seem the most auspicious of the former Soviet republics in which to do business. A brutalising war with the Armenians over the disputed enclave of Nagorno Karabakh, now in its sixth year, is taking its toll economically and psychologically.

Baku, a city which at the turn of the century was the oil capital of the world, is sliding rapidly from the second world into the third. The manat, which from January 1 replaced the rouble as Azerbaijan's currency, is in freefall. Inflation is 1,500 per cent and rising; unemployment is estimated to be running at almost 70 per cent. Public employees are being paid in Snicker chocolate bars if they are being paid at all, and for the first time in the city's history, there are beggars on its streets.

Yet Baku's shabby hotels swarm with foreign businessmen as the city, home in Leonid Brezhnev's day to the hottest discotheques and the shortest mini skirts in the Soviet Union, prepares for its second frenzied life as an oil-rush boomtown. For Azerbaijan sits on three vast fields of oil on the Caspian shore, with reserves larger than the North Sea. The British are at the forefront, vying for a piece of the Azerbaijan action.

BP heads the consortium of Western companies assiduously courting Azerbaijan for the rights to tap the estimated 350 million tonnes of petroleum deposits, while companies such as Trafalgar House and Kaiser Industries are bidding frantically for the contracts that will flow if the deal — giving Azerbaijan the production of a small Gulf state — is signed.

After 70 years of isolation, Azerbaijan is enjoying the attention. "I love BP" stickers dot the shopfronts and Ladas on Baku's potholed boulevards. Whole floors of the city's few habitable hotels have been transformed into offices for the likes of Penzoil and Amoco — the British embassy has to make do with four rooms in the old Intourist hotel — while private landlords celebrate the advent of the free market by demanding rents that make London look cheap.

For Azerbaijan's would-be partners however the experience is, at best, challenging. Mike Sparvell, of John Brown, Trafalgar House's engineering and construction subsidiary, has been commuting to Azerbaijan for more than two years. Home in Baku is a room on the eighth floor of the Hotel Azerbaijan, a dowdy monolith whose corridors are stalked by black marketeers and high-class prostitutes. Hot running water is a rare luxury and power cuts are increasingly common, but there is little choice for the itinerant foreign business community.



Mr Sparvell says: "You adapt. When I first came to Azerbaijan, the only way to talk to Britain was to wait four hours in the central post office for a telephone line out." Now at least, he says, the communications work, while branded luxury goods are more easily available, sold at virtually Western prices by Azerbaijan's new entrepreneurs.

Like most of the foreign companies in Baku, it was the oil deal that brought John Brown to Azerbaijan. With negotiations between the Azerbaijani government and the Western oil companies effectively stalled since November, it is proving a long and frustrating wait.

The company has been fortunate to have had two contracts on which to cut its teeth in the interim; one overseeing the export of Azerbaijani-made oil rig piles to the North Sea, and the other inspecting rig jackets for the Caspian Sea fields. Between them they earned the company little more than £6 million. Sparvell insists, however, that for the companies that stick it out the potential will be huge. "It may take five years, it may take 20, but with Western help Baku will have its second boom this century." It was the lure of Azerbaijan's oil and gas industry that also brought Ernst & Young, the accountancy firm, to Baku five months ago. The company admits it was a "real punt". By its own analyses for potential investors to the former Soviet Union, Azerbaijan scores a poor four out of ten. Restructuring of the country's economy has been complicated by a debilitating war and by political wrangling that has seen four changes of president in the two years since independence. Ambitious plans for privatisation and reform of the banking system have been paralysed as political leaders concentrate on regaining lands lost to the Armenian Karabakhs and assimilating the country's million refugees.

Corruption is endemic and business law in its infancy. Ernst & Young has been contracted by the Azeri government to help draft the taxation clauses of a new petroleum law in which the oil negotiations, if they are agreed, will be enshrined. It is also bidding to help overhaul Azerbaijan's existing taxation legislation. Alum Bati, Ernst & Young's representative director in Baku, says: "As much as 80 per cent of it needs to be changed if it is to suit Western business practices and attract foreign investors. This is a country in a state of flux. Everything is new to them, and they want to make sure they get it right."

Azerbaijan has none of the xenophobia to be found in some of the other former Soviet republics. Mr Bati says: "It is relatively very open to the idea of foreign investment, and particularly to British investment. Britain has long enjoyed a special relationship with the region — British troops occupied the oil fields to protect Azerbaijan against the Bolsheviks in the civil war.

Negotiations for a double tax treaty between the two countries, Britain's third with a former Soviet republic, and Azerbaijan's first, are now in their final stages, removing one less uncertainty. The country has yet to develop the business niceties Western companies have come to take for granted. Senior officials think nothing of failing to arrive for appointments, or conducting meetings with one eye on the television. Government offices are often shut when they should be open.

But Mr Bati, like many others, is convinced of the potential once peace finally comes.

He says: "It is not just the oil. This is a country rich in agriculture and natural resources. There is a food-processing industry to be developed: there will be reconstruction work to be done once the war is ended; and there is a huge potential for exporting refined oil products."

TEMPUS

Brand wars make a mark

THE brand wars are serious when even mighty Unilever is wounded in the cross-fire. The mauling it has received at the hands of Procter & Gamble in the American detergent market is another example of consumers' growing cynicism about high-priced, branded goods. Unilever lost a third of its market share in liquid detergents when it launched super concentrated products last summer, and Procter retaliated by cutting prices.

The scenario was similar, albeit less dramatic, everywhere in the group. Advertising spending rose a fifth last year to £3.3 billion, but operating margins fell particularly in ice cream and beverages where they slipped more than two points to 11 per cent.

The £490 million provision is admittedly hard to swallow since it comes only two years after Unilever set £305 million aside to cope with the single market, which is still being spent. But it is a sign of the group's determination to reverse the decline rapidly. The cash will enable Unilever to cut unit costs and give it more scope to compete on price.

The cost of the accelerated rationalisation will constrict Unilever's cash generation, since two-thirds of the provision will convert into additional spending. Thankfully, that will not impact too severely on the balance sheet, since gearing is still only 21 per cent, leaving enough headroom to allow the continued acquisitive expansion and its spread into the dynamic markets of South-East Asia.

Despite last year's strategic blunder, it is hard to bet against Unilever's powerful portfolio of products and its market reach. The shares are reasonably priced on 14 times current year earnings forecasts.

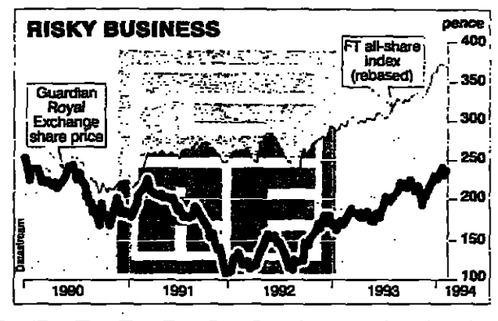
GRE

PREDICTING a downturn in the insurance cycle is as challenging as forecasting death. Everyone knows it will happen, the only question is when and how.

Growing evidence of price pressure in the domestic motor insurance market suggests the market will turn sooner than the industry had hoped. The motor insurance market is transparent and the first to show industry trends, such as sharp premium rises in the recession. In the past year, comprehensive motor premiums have fallen up to 1 per cent, a far cry from double digit growth in 1991 and 1992.

Price pressure is rising as composites like Guardian Royal Exchange are belatedly challenging the direct insurance writers by launching telephone services such as Guardian Direct. Until now the insurers' tattered balance sheets provided some hope that they would be too weak to slash rates. But last year's rise in the bond markets has repaired most of the damage and left the insurers with money to burn. GRE's solvency margin has recovered to 64 per cent, even though it avoided raising funds last year.

Rate recovery in Europe and North America will continue to fuel the composites' profits and dividends for another two years, but the sector will increasingly discount the approaching downturn. GRE's 4.1 per cent yield fails to take account of its current transition from recovery stock to cash cow.



SB

IT MUST be galling for a company's management to deliver a 30 per cent rise in its final dividend, only to see its shares languish on a prospective yield of about 3.7 per cent, only slightly less than the market average.

SmithKline Beecham cannot escape the tarbrush of the pharmaceutical sector and bears some of the responsibility for the negative sentiment. The expiry of a patent on Tagamet, SB's anti-ulcer drug, not only threatens to erode its own sales, but also queers the pitch for rivals such as Glaxo with the prospect of a myriad of cheap copycat anti-ulcer products.

SB is not standing still and produced some powerful arguments for buying the shares. While Tagamet marks time, four new drugs have doubled their sales last year, contributing 13 per cent of total pharmaceutical revenues. Growth is expected to continue with two products, the anti-emetic Kytril and Havrix, the Hepatitis A vaccine, yet to be launched on the American market.

Pressure from health consumers in the US is persuading drug companies to expand into cheaper over the counter products which generate lower profit margins. But SmithKline already has a strong presence in OTC drugs and has shown its labs can still compete in producing new therapeutic drugs. These and SmithKline's net cash should keep the dividend growing.

Sedgwick

FOR once, Sedgwick turned in a thoroughly respectable set of headline figures, with a 24 per cent rise in pre-tax profits that any company would be happy to see gracing their annual report.

As is so often the case with this insurance broker, the truth was less appealing. The devaluation of sterling in 1992 boosted last year's profits by £16.2 million. Without this timely assistance, profits would have fallen by £2.4 million. This makes the decision not to peg the dividend look more understandable, even though the shareholders who backed the £144 million rights issue last summer might feel their loyalty deserved some reward.

Admittedly, the fall in profits was caused by an losses from Sedgwick's peripheral businesses such as the River Thames Insurance Underwriter and the Lloyd's members agent. Even so, such a flat performance suggests that Sedgwick is still struggling when it comes to winning more brokerage.

The acquisition of Noble Lowndes has turned consultancy into a significant business for Sedgwick. This year, it should contribute more than a quarter of revenues. Perhaps this will provide the growth for which the group has been searching for so long. But Lowndes has come with its own problems, not least its involvement in the pension transfer business. The losses are said to have been indemnified by TSB Group. But it is not an auspicious start to a new venture.

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Spy goes into the cold

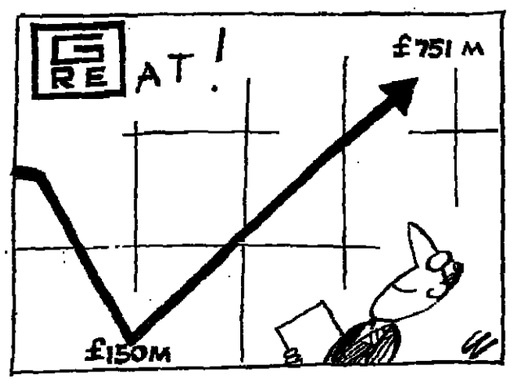
CHARLES Saatchi, the reclusive art collector who was once among the world's most famous names in advertising, is seeing another of his investments plunge. The American satirical magazine *Spy* — a sort of *Private Eye* on glossy pages and in colour — is publishing its last edition in two weeks. In 1991, Saatchi put up part of the $4 million rescue package needed to keep the magazine afloat. But calls for the latest re-financing have fallen on deaf ears. Former editor and co-founder E Graydon Carter left *Spy* to edit *The New York Observer* three years ago and is now the editor of *Vanity Fair*. The magazine started in 1986 with a circulation of 25,000, but by 1990 was looking for more money. Perhaps Saatchi will find time to commiserate with Richard Ingrams, who is enjoying an equally turbulent time with *The Oldie*.

Heavy metal

WHATEVER next? The London Metal Exchange has announced a penalty points system for members breaking rules governing anything from manipulating prices and drunkenness to wearing leggings. The maximum penalty under the system is £10,000 and a suspension of up to 20 working days. Boiled sweets and mints are allowed as long as they are not sucked in the trading ring, but chewing gum is banned, along with abusive language and illicit dealing. The code also insists on proper dress for "gentlemen" and "female staff". Men, who should have their collars done up and wear a suit and tie, must eschew earrings and unacceptable hairstyles. Women may only wear business-style clothes and acceptable jewellery. On no account can they come to the exchange in T-shirts or leggings.

Number's up

THE boys at Hanson have a way with numbers, but this time they are seeking help from another source. Hanson Properties has had more than its fair share of bad luck at 40 St Mary Axe, where its joint venture office development has twice been hit by terrorist bombs. Apparently, part of the problem is the address: Chinese Fung Shui men will testify to the bad influence of the number 40 — four, in Cantonese, sounds similar to the word for "death" — and for Hanson and its joint venture partner Trafalgar House, it has caused a few negative vibrations. Far Eastern numerologists have been consulted, no doubt at the request of Trafalgar's new Hong Kong masters, and the numbers three — which sounds like the Chinese for "easy" — and eight — which is similar to "becoming wealthy" — came up trumps. As a result, the building has been renamed 38 St Mary Axe.



Match point

SO MUCH for that. John Ritblat, on a skiing trip after clinching his deal with Stanhope, called from St Moritz yesterday to say that talk of his generosity towards the Shakespeare open air season at Regent's Park has been overplayed. "I am not sponsoring the whole season, but we do chip in now and again," says Ritblat, who was reputed to have made the offer after beating actor David Conville at real tennis last week. "British Land is in Regent's Park, and a lot of our friends and guests enjoy the season very much." Ritblat, meanwhile, still intends to make Conville buy him dinner at a suitably grand venue as a penance for losing at tennis. "There's no question of my letting him off," he says. "The principal consideration will be the wine list."

Still running

ROCCO Forte may still be feeling miffed that Forte's proposal of corporate marriage to the Aga Khan-controlled Ciga hotels group was spurned in favour Sheraton. But Forte's three-year sponsorship of France's classic horse race, the *Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe*, goes on. Forte's first six-year sponsorship of the *Arc* began in 1982. Then Ciga took over playing host for six years in 1988, now Forte is back again as sponsor at £150,000 a year. Forte assures me that talks with Ciga and negotiations to take on the Arc sponsorship were entirely coincidental.

After a year of woes, it might have been thought that Euro Disney would have adopted a mantle of severity in convening this year's annual meeting. However, the March 14 gathering is to be at Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show (Euro Disney), Chessy (Seine-et-Marne). Will Mickey Mouse be allowed in, I wonder?

JON ASHWORTH

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Growfund Expt Bal	122.80	127.10	...	0.91
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General Acc	540.80	575.40	- 3.50	2.15
General Inc	487.20	518.30	- 3.20	2.15
UK Growth Acc	367.40	390.90	- 2.80	2.34
UK Growth Inc	257.20	273.70	- 2.10	2.34
Higher Inc Acc	685.10	728.90	- 7.10	3.30
Higher Inc Inc	409.70	435.90	- 4.30	3.30
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	192.00	202.70	- 1.00	5.34
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	96.14	103.60	- 0.50	5.54
Nth America	262.80	279.60	- 0.30	...
Far East	375.00	399.00	- 2.90	...
Europe	277.30	295.10	- 2.50	0.54
Brit Excell	72.97	77.53	- 0.54	3.45
Brit Endowts Acc	103.40	110.00	- 0.80	4.08
Brit Endowts Inc	78.47	83.48	- 0.75	4.08
Global Opps	85.83	91.31	- 0.11	...
Balanced Acc	55.56	59.10	- 0.32	2.23
Balanced Inc	53.07	56.59	- 0.31	2.23

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
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High Income	...	...	...	...
Gilts & Fixed Int	139.00	147.50	+ 0.40	5.42
High Inc Equity	176.20	187.40*	- 1.50	3.88
Worldwide Bond	274.50	291.10*	+ 0.30	3.61
Capital Growth	...	...	...	...
American Growth	314.40	336.30*	+ 0.90	.94
Asian Pacific	376.20	402.40	+ 4.10	...
Assets & Earnings	282.80	300.90	- 1.90	1.72
Comdty & Energy	131.20	139.60	- 0.30	.39
1992 Enterprise	96.68	103.40	- 0.80	1.40
Euro Capital Inc	132.80	142.00	- 1.10	.68
General	239.00	255.30*	- 2.30	2.13
Japan	130.30	139.40	+ 0.40	...
Mastertrust	149.00	159.40	- 0.50	.82
UK Growth Dist	151.90	161.30	- 0.90	1.64
US Emerging Cos	147.50	156.90	+ 0.50	...
Income & Growth	400.20	427.10	+ 0.20	3.04
Ethical	78.32	83.32	- 0.22	1.99
International	122.00	129.80	- 0.10	.14
Dividend & Growth	65.00	69.15*	- 0.55	3.67
Global Gwth & Inc	64.76	68.97	- 0.06	2.57

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UK Small Cos	1867.0	1942.0	...	...

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Aberdeen Portfolio	65.07	66.20*	- 0.38	0.75
Amer Inc & Growth	46.21	48.73	- 0.01	0.64
Cash	93.43	98.43	+ 0.01	4.77
European	108.40	115.10*	- 0.80	...
European Income	102.80	109.20*	- 0.60	1.36
Exempt	1105.3	1155.5*	+ 7.00	3.29
Exmt Income	55.62	60.57	- 0.38	4.35
Far East Emg Een	122.60	132.30	+ 0.10	0.68
Fixed Interest	27.02	28.84	- 0.08	6.39
Fund Inv Tst	186.90	199.50	- 0.50	0.85
Japan	200.70	216.80	+ 1.90	...
Latin American	88.23	93.65	- 0.57	0.55
Pacific	78.13	83.07	- 0.07	0.32
Property Share	78.36	83.65*	- 0.64	1.57
UK Emerging Cos	72.85	77.77*	- 0.62	1.60
UK Growth	46.98	50.64	- 0.38	2.23
World Growth	80.07	85.40	- 0.57	0.64
Ethical	68.48	73.11	- 0.57	2.42
Aberdeen Glt Inc	54.68	54.68	- 0.33	7.49

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UK Equity Income	97.88	104.13*	- 0.71	2.80
UK Equity Growth	87.81	93.42	- 0.57	2.01
European	68.54	72.91	- 0.59	0.62
Nth American	69.14	73.55	- 0.11	0.95
Far Eastern	75.01	79.80	+ 0.85	0.31
Money	65.41	66.41†	+ 0.01	3.78
Fixed Interest	72.30	77.07†	- 0.49	6.24
Index Linked Gilt	67.65	71.97	- 0.56	1.13

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British Growth	74.58	79.34	- 0.54	2.17
British Income	83.37	88.69	- 0.50	2.96
Select Portfolio	90.97	96.78	- 0.68	...

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
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Amity Income	80.65	85.78	- 0.45	1.89
Income Builder Inc	71.81	76.39	- 0.33	2.65

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IFA dlg: 0793 610 304 Client dlg: 0793 514 514

Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	253.10	270.50	- 1.60	2.70
Capital	447.30	478.10	- 2.10	1.62
Balanced	736.90	786.60	- 1.40	2.31
Accumulator	1304.0	1393.0	- 6.00	2.75
Income Trusts				
American Income	49.97	53.41†	- 0.05	3.33
High Income	442.60	473.10	- 2.70	3.31
Equity Income	248.50	265.60*	- 1.80	3.29
High Yield	272.70	291.50	- 1.90	3.22
Govt Securities	35.04	36.97	- 0.19	4.92
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	138.40	147.90	- 0.40	0.24
European Growth	35.06	37.31	- 0.29	0.43
International	168.00	179.50*	- 1.40	0.57
Japan	223.20	238.00†	+ 3.00	0.01
Pacific	447.10	477.90	+ 4.60	0.16
Secs of America	440.90	466.60†	...	0.59
Worldw Asset Val	49.59	53.01	- 0.16	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	598.30	596.80	- 1.60	2.10
Conv & Glt	50.98	54.49	- 0.11	3.56
Smaller Cos	190.30	203.40†	- 0.50	1.15
2nd Smaller Cos	182.40	194.90	- 0.50	1.13
Recovery	154.00	164.60	- 0.50	1.69
Met Min & Cdty	161.20	172.30	- 0.30	0.73
Overs Earnings	372.40	398.00†	- 1.80	1.97
Technology	162.60	173.80	...	0.02
UK Special Sits	481.10	514.20†	- 1.90	1.87

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
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Conrcal Oil Pens	108.50	109.60	...	1.45
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Capital	75.00	79.78†	- 1.05	2.54
International	65.58	69.76	...	0.48

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America	317.20	342.30	+ 0.00	...
Bond	124.20	130.60	- 1.00	6.00
Brit Smlr Cos	108.50	115.40	- 0.30	0.90
Conv & Gen	68.31	72.90†	- 0.32	4.78
Energy	464.00	500.30	- 1.40	0.22
Europe	227.20	252.20	- 2.00	0.44
Euro Smlr Cos	206.00	153.20	- 0.80	0.31
Income Gwth	379.00	404.50	- 1.00	3.77
Japan	339.50	361.20	+ 1.80	...
Pacific	119.40	127.20	+ 1.00	0.63
UK Smlr Cos	54.96	58.49	- 0.11	0.75
Japan Fd	791.60	814.80	- 4.30	...
Mngd Fd	181.10	192.50	- 1.30	2.60

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Brit & Overs	303.90	319.90	- 2.90	1.14
Capital Gwth	110.90	116.20	- 2.10	2.11
Wwide Opps	203.20	213.90	- 1.50	0.44

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
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Balanced Trusts				
Bst Inv Fd Inc	368.60	383.90	- 2.20	2.19
European Bd Inc	98.14	101.60	- 0.30	7.89
Exempt	79.54	84.84	- 0.72	3.65
Financial	79.91	84.04	- 0.51	1.39
500 Gr	498.40	533.10*	- 0.60	1.92
General	368.30	305.40	- 1.80	2.12
Property	347.40	364.60	...	5.51
Trustee	197.40	211.10	- 1.80	1.76
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.50	100.50*	...	4.20
Exmt Income	126.30	136.30	- 1.00	3.65
Gilt & Fxd Int	61.31	63.57*	- 0.44	7.79
Income	569.60	604.20*	- 4.90	3.58
Income Builder	68.83	73.27*	- 2.05	4.31
Intl Income	71.56	76.13	- 0.11	2.78
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	121.30	129.60*	- 0.70	2.08
Leisure	127.70	136.60	- 0.50	0.78
Recovery	445.10	476.00	- 1.70	1.97
Smllr Cos Inc	46.73	50.13	- 0.13	1.69
Special Sits	203.20	214.80	- 2.10	1.38
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	138.80	147.20	+ 0.40	0.14
Asset Acc	270.30	297.00	+ 4.80	1.51
Asset Inc	174.90	185.90	- 3.00	1.51
Euro Gwth Inc	146.60	155.40	- 1.20	0.36
Japan & Gen Inc	191.80	203.00	+ 0.40	...
Japan Spec Sits	84.59	89.61	- 0.59	...
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Worldwide	186.30	197.70*	+ 0.30	0.25

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American Growth	103.70	110.00	- 0.10	...
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Cash Trust	50.59	50.59	...	4.90
Convertibles	64.87	69.37	- 0.15	5.60
Eastern	307.80	334.30	+ 3.30	1.60
Equity Income	95.88	102.00*	- 0.80	4.90
European Growth	293.10	316.70	- 2.30	1.50
Europe	219.10	233.40	- 0.80	1.50
German Growth	71.73	76.34	- 0.28	0.70
Global Bond	69.17	73.04†	- 0.75	5.40
Global Growth	136.90	143.50	+ 0.20	...
Japan Growth	210.90	226.40	+ 2.30	...
Japan Smaller	187.00	199.90	+ 2.80	...
Korea Trust	85.15	95.17	+ 1.11	...
Portfolio	149.50	159.10*	- 0.90	3.00
UK Growth	98.99	105.30	- 0.50	2.60
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Select Managers	79.22	84.81	- 0.29	2.00

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Intl Gwth Port Inc	83.88	89.23†	- 0.77	...
Special Oppor Inc	57.89	61.59*	- 0.34	...

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Special Sits	192.70	206.10	+ 1.60	0.45
Dividend	89.20	92.19*	+ 0.25	3.70
Int Gth & Inc	230.10	246.10*	- 2.10	2.45
UK & Gen	47.38	50.67†	+ 0.32	1.48
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Smaller Cos	111.64	119.40	- 0.49	0.97
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American Gth Inc	77.14	82.50*	- 0.05	...
European Growth	136.50	145.99	- 1.27	...
Global Bond Inc	30.95	33.83	- 0.29	6.44
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UK Growth	172.70	183.80*	- 1.30	1.21
UK Income	142.40	151.50	- 1.00	3.74

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Can Gen Dist	192.90	204.50*	- 1.00	1.77
-do- Income Dist	117.20	124.20	- 0.90	4.30
Gilt & Fxd Int	43.34	45.94†	- 0.39	5.92

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American & Gen	153.60	163.50	- 0.10	...
European Inc	80.00	84.89	- 0.73	0.48
Smaller Cos (4-1)	88.56	93.90	- 0.34	1.34
Growth	433.30	484.90*	- 4.30	1.82
Income & Growth	428.00	458.40†	- 4.00	3.30
Japan & Gen	75.82	80.66	+ 0.67	...
Master Portfolio	11103	115.28*	-11.000	1.39
Special Sits	104.60	111.30*	- 0.20	1.79
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Club Income	50.50	50.50	+ 0.01	4.86
European Gwth	39.76	42.41	- 0.40	0.82
Income & Gwth Inc	29.90	31.97	- 0.22	3.87
Intnl Gwth	32.74	35.01	+ 0.06	0.73
Japan Gwth	28.30	30.26	+ 0.25	...
Managed Tst Inc	50.75	54.27	- 0.41	0.48
Oriental Opps Inc	156.60	167.40	- 0.70	0.59
Property Shares	48.72	52.10	- 0.23	1.56
Smaller Cos	34.00	36.36	- 0.19	1.46
UK Growth Tst	27.19	29.07	- 0.19	2.59
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	74.08	79.22†	- 0.26	1.62
Cap Hse UK Inc	69.63	74.46	- 0.53	2.30
Exempt	23.59	24.26	...	...
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	26.14	27.95	- 0.30	0.38
European Acc	27.11	28.98	- 0.31	0.38
Financial	159.00	170.00*	- 2.60	2.39
Foundation	96.68	103.49	- 1.10	2.49
German	50.04	53.51	- 0.34	0.07
High Income	81.58	87.25	- 0.81	5.05
Income	141.70	151.50	- 1.40	3.63
Intl Growth	39.41	42.14	- 0.02	0.15
Mngd Pfolio Inc	109.10	116.60*	- 0.60	1.59
Mngd Pfolio Acc	128.70	137.60*	- 0.70	1.59
Monthly Income	87.35	93.42	- 0.51	3.45
North American	110.30	117.80	...	0.15
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Cazenove Portfolio	94.41	90.10	- 0.34	2.13
American Portfolio	92.22	98.30	- 0.28	0.99
European Portfolio	97.85	104.44	- 0.05	0.92
Japanese Portfolio	71.34	75.85	+ 0.55	...
Pacific Portfolio	151.89	163.33	+ 0.78	0.72
UK Inc & Growth	77.68	83.13	- 0.44	1.55
Utility & Bond	58.57	59.27	- 0.45	6.02

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Intl Growth	149.71	162.31	...	...
UK Growth	115.13	124.62	...	...
UK Income	119.53	130.13	...	3.61

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Beckman Intl	91.29	96.30	...	1.73
Stock Index Tech	40.65	43.24	...	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	173.19	182.31	...	1.16
City Fin Assets	75.64	79.62	...	1.54
City Fin America	83.03	88.25	...	...
City Fin Gilt	83.84	88.25	...	0.45
City Fin Japan	178.26	187.64	...	...
Friars Hse Cap	292.72	309.76†	...	2.15
Friars Hse Inc	212.19	228.73	...	4.65
Stockley Intl Gwth	147.35	156.76	...	0.84
Fairmont Cap Gth	152.03	160.05	...	...
-do- Inc & Gth	134.29	130.83	...	1.51
Fairmount Intl	168.55	177.42	...	...
City Fin Fdlo Inc	62.31	66.28	...	2.50

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
80 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144
Emerging Markets 61.92 65.70 - 0.18 ...

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 573 393

American Gwth	80.78	85.01	- 0.08	...
Asian Mngd Gwth	54.28	62.24	- 0.06	...
Dragon Gwth	76.31	81.61	+ 0.58	0.31
Equity High Inc	87.63	93.44	- 0.82	3.23
European Gwth	50.22	53.43	- 0.46	0.68
Evergreen	52.05	54.76	- 0.08	...
General Equity	86.09	94.52	- 0.69	2.01
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.99	28.36	- 0.21	7.30
Japan Growth	51.45	55.53	+ 0.57	...
Pedigree Gwth	53.21	56.61	- 0.27	1.90
Fxd Sec Cos Inc	34.53	36.73	- 0.08	0.55
Retirement Inc	27.73	29.82	- 0.20	4.84
Special Sits	41.67	44.57	- 0.17	1.34
UK & Overseas	51.31	54.58	- 0.35	0.81

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Chelsea Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY
0634 898 000

Capital	66.34	70.95	- 0.48	2.71
Income	62.36	66.69	- 0.54	3.73

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Dashwood Court, 3 Bedford Park,
Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PF) FUNDS

Income Funds				
Equity Inc	170.75	188.01	- 1.83	4.70
Bond & Convertible	46.88	49.87†	- 0.52	5.69
Monthly Inc Plus	54.13	57.59	- 0.35	7.78
Preference Share	53.38	56.79†	- 0.23	6.70
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	139.07	147.99†	- 1.21	5.55
Managed Fund	70.67	75.18	- 0.34	2.68
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	46.09	49.03	- 0.27	1.73
UK & General	81.37	86.56	- 0.60	2.50
UK Growth	142.87	151.99	- 1.06	1.59
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	190.17	202.31	- 2.02	...
Far Eastern Gth	146.81	156.18	+ 1.42	0.27
Global Bond	88.36	93.90	- 0.11	5.69
Japan Growth	139.96	148.87	- 0.15	...
North Amer Gwth	164.39	174.88	- 0.15	...
Oriental Growth	86.03	94.71	+ 0.64	...
Worldwide Growth	67.10	71.38	- 0.03	0.23
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PFT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.85	92.85	+ 0.01	4.62
Homemaker Fund	70.82	84.70†	- 0.42	1.81
Quilter Fund	141.53	150.56†	- 1.02	1.97

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN
0438 744 840

Growth Inc	60.21	64.05†	- 0.34	2.50
High Income	35.40	37.65	- 0.21	4.40
Japan	37.42	39.80	+ 0.16	...
Smaller Cos Inc	34.15	36.32	+ 0.01	2.20
Smaller Cos	35.54	37.80	+ 0.01	2.20
North American	33.61	35.75	- 0.07	0.70
European	38.00	40.42	- 0.27	0.50

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 9NH
071 407 5966
Consistent UT: 33.18 35.57† ... 4.16

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 288

Growth	154.90	164.80	- 0.80	1.55
Income	77.62	82.58†	- 0.69	4.14
European	61.76	66.71	- 0.53	0.63
Recovery	145.00	154.30	- 0.90	1.44

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
78-88 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494
Equity Dist: 861.20 875.20 ... 3.46

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
0277 690 200
Fellowship Tst: 75.69 80.53 - 0.46 1.76
Income: 349.40 365.40 - 2.40 4.24
Smaller Cos: 161.60 172.00 - 0.90 1.18
Inv Portfolio: 80.85 86.09† - 0.51 1.39
High Income Port: 70.64 75.14 - 0.74 4.40

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 638 0177

Euro Small Cos	1548.1	1582.6	...	...
Japan Small Cos	1266.1	1290.8	...	...
UK Small Cos	1940.0	2019.1†	...	...
US Small Cos	1710.2	1756.9	...	...

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL
071 377 8819

Disc Inc	205.60	216.40	...	2.57

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25, St Rowlands Terrace, Edinburgh EH8 9RS 2508

European Gwth	263.40	278.70	- 3.10	1.08
New Asia	241.10	260.40	+ 3.80	0.30
Japan Growth	130.70	139.10	+ 1.00	...
Jap Smllr Co	144.20	277.60	+ 1.40	...
Nth Amer	286.50	271.70	+ 0.60	0.90
Shifrd Asia Pac Alt	134.00	142.10	+ 1.60	0.44
UK Inc & Grth	226.60	241.90	- 1.90	3.35

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555

UK Balanced Inc	147.60	157.00	- 1.00	1.71
UK High Inc Inc	163.80	174.30	- 1.10	4.58
UK Pref & Fi Inc	62.82	66.80	- 0.41	4.71
Envmnntl Opps	86.05	91.54	- 0.47	1.34

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
37 Hanover Street, Edinburgh
0345 090 136

American	124.10	131.90	- 0.20	0.15
Convertibles	25.49	27.05	- 0.17	6.09
Equity Income	139.90	148.60	- 1.30	3.36
Euro Fund	48.71	48.35†	- 0.33	0.81
Financial	52.70	55.99	- 0.56	1.43
Growth & Inc	246.60	262.00†	- 2.10	2.86
High Distr	172.70	183.50	- 2.10	4.09
International	410.30	435.90	- 0.50	0.43
Intl Income	102.90	107.20†	- 1.00	2.43
Latin American	86.31	59.83	- 0.30	0.21
Pacific	91.86	97.60	+ 0.32	...
Preference Share	25.73	27.34†	- 0.12	5.67
Tokyo	253.40	269.20	+ 1.20	...
UK Smaller Cos	254.00	269.90	- 0.50	0.87

ELCON LTD
Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA
0689 78538

Elcon Trust	228.90	244.30	...	...

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7262

Endurance Fd	216.10	229.90	...	0.37

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN
0296 431 488

European	80.42	84.68	- 0.24	1.54
Far Eastern	331.41	348.85	- 3.13	1.25
High Income	141.03	148.45	- 1.13	4.15
Intl Growth	129.84	135.62	- 0.56	0.88
North American	121.98	128.40	- 0.10	1.00
Pelican	123.95	130.47	- 0.65	2.74
Smaller Cos	80.90	85.16	- 0.15	1.68
Special Sits	97.94	103.15	- 0.28	2.07
Tst of Inv Tsts	195.91	206.22	- 0.17	1.72

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Smaller Cos Inc	231.91	241.57	- 0.18	1.49
Smaller Cos Acc	401.49	418.22	- 0.29	1.49
Recovery	61.73	64.32	- 0.06	1.77

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB
0392 412 144

Balanced	114.39	121.60	- 1.60	4.72
Capital Growth	85.04	91.20	- 0.57	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	47.43	50.60	- 0.23	0.22
High Income	69.18	52.49*	- 0.16	8.44
Warrant	65.78	71.51	- 0.29	...
Zero Preference	37.33	39.61	- 0.10	...

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 787

Family Assets Tst	79.34	84.40†	...	2.38
Family Income Tst	93.12	96.50†	...	5.86
Family Trust	98.36	102.80†	...	1.04
United Charities	267.90	284.90	...	2.80

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ
Calltree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161
Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181

Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.40
Stabilizer Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	24.52	25.85†	- 0.07	3.00
-do- Europe	24.25	25.56	- 0.10	4.82
-do- America	23.88	25.17	- 0.01	0.36
-do- Act Japan	27.49	28.17	+ 0.31	0.54
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	31.16	31.52†	- 0.11	7.13
Intl Bond	31.85	33.22†	- 0.16	4.80
Income Funds				
High Income	29.62	31.17†	- 0.20	4.80
Income Plus	128.30	136.40†	- 1.70	3.62
Amer Eq Inc	48.90	51.85†	+ 0.04	1.67
European Income	45.60	48.49†	+ 0.37	2.15
Far East Inc	66.74	71.42	+ 1.06	2.06
Global Convertible	25.95	27.69	- 0.07	1.90

Earlier losses halved

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began February 14. Dealings end February 25. §Contango day February 28. Settlement day March 7. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
574	345	Abbey Nat	512	-2	11.8	2.9	19.7
314	170	Allied Irish	224	-4	...	4.6	∞
278½	130	Ans New Z	266	+10	...	3.4	20.9
3806½	2712½	Bankamerica	3800	...	...	...	...
319	177	Bk of Ireland	274	-6	...	4.6	30.2
450	325	Bk Leumi UK	450	...	20.0	5.8	∞
347	1164	Bank Scotland	253	-1	4.6	2.6	30.3
652	361	Barclays	574	-34	...	2.7	...
32½	8	Carlisle	31½	-1	...	...	...
655	395	Cater Allen	625	-5	26.0	5.6	...
180	85	Charles	158	-3	...	3.6	21.0
2487½	1543½	Chase Manh	2300	...	...	...	...
2912½	1343½	Chicorp	2712½	...	...	...	...
369	280	Close Bros	499	-15	...	2.8	18.1
£153¾	91?1¼	Commercial	£141½	+2½%	...	2.7	...
£548½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£321½	-65½	...	1.0	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	88 †	...	...	2.1	...
1661	878	Fuji Bank Y	1387½	-16½	...	0.4	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	470	-5	23.5	5.7	12.5
1113	490	HSBC	988	+11	20.0	2.5	23.6
1133	474	HSBC HK	1011	+9½	20.0	2.5	24.2
473	343	Hambros	458	...	14.5	4.5	18.5
443	315	Joseph (L)	435	...	16.7	4.8	...
178	96	King Shaxson	165	...	9.0	6.8	...
689	312	Kleinwort Ben	589	-10	18.5	4.0	∞
690	492	Lloyds	586 †	-7	...	4.7	12.3
116	63	Lon Scot Bk	113 †	-1	3.4	3.8	19.2
620½	322	Nat Aust Bk	587½	+11½	...	4.0	14.3
634	398	Nat West	532	-4	17.8	4.2	32.5
573	220	Provident	515	-6	12.4	3.0	22.2
67	39	Rea Bros	66	...	0.5	1.2	78.5
528	307	Ryl Bk Scot	466 †	-7	...	3.0	21.1
1460	467½	Schroders	1303	-10	...	1.2	36.0
1437	576	Stand Chart	1284	+10	20.5	2.0	...
291	145½	TSB	243 †	-3	...	4.0	16.6
206	78	Union Disc	205	...	3.0	1.5	...
1012	528	Warburg SG	895	-19	...	2.8	13.1
9262½	4943½	Wells Fargo	9112½	...	...	3.0	...
260	121	Wessex	248	+12	...	2.2	∞
390	198	Winterflood	388	...	...	3.2	33.0

BREWERIES

697	517	Allied-Lyons	605 †	-2	...	4.4	16.8
647	441	Bass	538	+10	...	4.4	13.8
299	189	Boddington	270	...	7.5	3.5	15.7
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	449	...	...	3.6	14.0
193	129	Burnswood Brw	171 †	...	4.7	3.5	14.3
181	75	Eldridge P 'A'a	166	...	...	2.7	23.0
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	64	+2½	...	4.5	19.2
1438	1128	Fuller Sm 'A'a	1400	+10½	...	1.3	25.8
506	373	Grand Met	449 †	+½	...	3.6	19.5
511	347	Greenalls Grp	488	...	...	3.4	15.8
584	505	Greene King	541	...	...	2.9	15.1
542	398	Guinness	468	+2½	...	2.9	16.0
80	31	Halkin Hldgs	71 †	...	...	...	...
281	230	Hardy Hanson	264 †	...	...	4.1	14.0
180	105	Hawthorn's	150 †	...	3.6	3.0	∞
257	225	Highland Dist	418	-3	...	2.8	20.8
3225	2538	Hsk J	3163	...	42.0	1.7	20.6
186	118	Macallan-Glen	163	...	4.3	4.0	31.0
465	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	445	...	...	2.5	21.2
346	164	Mansfield	214	...	...	2.3	15.3
402	231	Morgan Thmp	394	...	...	2.3	18.4
595	2885	Matthew Clark	558	...	...	4.1	31.6
300	125	Mrydwn W	159	...	7.0	5.5	14.2
580	455	Moolands	513	...	...	2.4	17.6
12	6½	Pittencrieffe	10½	...	...	1.8	14.5
267	145	Regent Inns	257	-4	...	2.2	20.1
1521½	753½	SA Breweries	1271½	+3½	...	2.5	21.0
591	393	Scot & Newc	527	+10	...	4.0	16.1
225	159½	Tavistock Cider	160	-2	6.2	3.9	...
306	213	Vaux Group	228	-4	...	4.3	17.7
420	225	Wetherspoon JD	392	-2	...	1.7	30.4
617	435	Whitbread	539	+3	...	4.2	12.9
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	527	...	...	3.0	14.8
528	475	Young 'A'	520	-5	14.7	3.5	21.5

BUILDING, ROADS

205	73	Abbey	195	...	...	1.3	32.0
27	12	Albrighton A	25	...	...	0.5	...
200	87	Allen	197	...	...	3.2	44.8
160	65	Amec	148	...	3.0	2.5	27.4
15½	4	Anglia Sec	12 #	...	...	...	...
454	150	Ashtead	439	...	...	1.3	46.3
165	101	Ashwoods	162	+1	...	3.9	...
363	189	BPB Ind	341	+2	...	4.0	14.0
127	57	Baggeridge Brk	124	...	...	3.2	37.3
41	18	Bailey (Ben) Ord	38	-1	0.6	2.0	...
108	68	Barcom	83	...	...	4.5	10.0
80	32½	Bardon	57	-1	2.0	4.4	28.1
282	94	Barratt Devs	227	...	...	1.8	25.8
304	152½	Beazley	280	-4	...	2.7	26.3
59	15	Bellwinch	55	-3	...	...	...
243	98	Berisford Intl	234 †	+2	...	...	...
572	295½	Berkeley Gp	553	-5	...	1.6	20.8
153	45	Bpx Bros	153	...	...	1.6	19.8
93	36	Blackleys	75	...	1.0	1.7	...
391	189	Blue Circle	358	-4	...	3.9	...
355	230	Boot (Henry)	340	...	...	6.0	22.2
117	78	Brendon PLC	110	-4	...	4.6	32.2
154	82	Br Dredging	150	...	...	5.2	43.3
98	45	Brit Fittings	91	...	...	1.7	24....
197½	99	Bryant	186 †	-1	...	3.2	28.2
146	53	CALA	143	...	...	2.0	...
990	200	CRH	376	...	...	2.3	20.6
70	18	Calchbrad Hy	58	...	...	...	...
42	21	Cousin	39½	...	...	...	...
185	86½	Countryside	173	...	...	3.0	∞
120	39½	Crest Nicholson	112 †	-3	...	1.1	...
140	57	Cussins	133	...	...	1.8	...
25½	15	Edmund Hldgs	20½	-½	0.3	1.8	...
300	178	Epwin	300	...	7.0	2.9	26.4
82	32	Erith	75	...	0.3	0.6	...
506	282	Eve Group	458 †	...	...	2.8	17.3
345	97	Freeman Gp	229	...	6.0	3.3	35.8
60	38	Galliford	59	...	...	2.1	...
102	52	Gibbs & Dandy	101	...	...	2.5	...
1025	695	Gleeson (M)	1025	+5	...	1.6	17.8
8284	75	Hemdale-Fin	160	...	...	2.1	54.2
51	28	Hewetson	51	...	...	3.1	97.3
473	173	Heywd Wm	432	-8	13.0	4.0	...
145	37	Higgs & Hill	138	-2	2.5	2.4	...
38	28	How Gp	30	...	...	2.7	...
75	15	Howard Hldgs	30	...	0.5	2.7	...
100	39	Ibstock Johnsen	94	...	1.0	1.3	...
25	12½	Jarvis	23	...	...	...	...
428	196	Lilley (J)	405	-3	9.0	2.2	16.2
164	105	do- 6.9% Cv Pf	155½	-½	...	5.1	...
145	55	Lo Clydesdale	145 †	...	...	4.1	28.5
230	100	Lovell (Y)	151	-2	...	...	66.6
405	240	Mowlem	380	+3	9.3	3.1	23.3
2139	93	Marley	193	+3	4.2	2.8	35.7
3225	2538	Hsk J	3163	...	42.0	1.7	20.6
186	118	Macallan-Glen	163	...	4.3	4.0	31.0
465	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	445	...	...	2.5	21.2
346	164	Mansfield	214	...	...	2.3	15.3
402	231	Morgan Thmp	394	...	...	2.3	18.4
595	2885	Matthew Clark	558	...	...	4.1	31.6
300	125	Mrydwn W	159	...	7.0	5.5	14.2
580	455	Moolands	513	...	...	2.4	17.6
12	6½	Pittencrieffe	10½	...	...	1.8	14.5
267	145	Regent Inns	257	-4	...	2.2	20.1
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225	159½	Tavistock Cider	160	-2	6.2	3.9	...
306	213	Vaux Group	228	-4	...	4.3	17.7
420	225	Wetherspoon JD	392	-2	...	1.7	30.4
617	435	Whitbread	539	+3	...	4.2	12.9
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	527	...	...	3.0	14.8
528	475	Young 'A'	520	-5	14.7	3.5	21.5

BUSINESS SERVICES

740	463	ADT	709	...	...	...	...
403	196	Adam & Harvey	400	+2	13.0	4.1	7.3
92	56	Air London	68	...	3.5	6.4	12.3
61	37	Alfred Lake	61	+2	2.0	4.1	...
178	93	Asm Sec	153	...	...	2.6	23.8
162	84	BET Ord	142½	-½	...	2.0	57
145	41	BNB Res	144	...	4.9	4.3	...
318	183	BTP	299	...	8.3	4.5	12.1
186	154	BSM	185	...	...	4.3	16.2
285	198	Barbour Index	219	...	8.1	4.7	14.7
28	15	Beaufort	22	...	0.7	4.0	...
269	184	Brit Data Mgt	208	+2	4.7	2.9	15.2
29	11	Brndcastle A	28	...	...	2.1	...
76	49	Brooker Service	72	...	...	0.9	...
114	86	CKT Gp	114	...	...	3.3	20.4
240	139½	Capita Group	215	...	...	1.3	33.6
59	31	Casket Plc	58	...	...	2.0	21.5
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	39	+2½	...	...	...
84	26	Christie	84	...	...	...	...
423	228	Chubb Sec	385	-2	...	1.7	29.0
132	90	Consac	113	-2	...	1.7	39.5
48	6½	Corp Services	48	...	...	...	...
97	20	Cowie Cmdty	95	-1	...	...	...
179	50	Dart	150	...	3.3	2.6	21.6
276	198	Davis Service	264	...	...	3.8	19.9
152	85	EW Racta	151	...	...	3.7	17.3
34	11	Gardiner	30	...	0.7	2.3	...
334	215	Hays	315	-2	...	2.1	27.5
289	174	Hogg Robinson	284	...	...	3.0	20.7
70	33	Holmes Protectn	34	...	...	...	2.1
365½	127	Huish Wkamp	312	+10½	...	1.3	25.8
2696½	975	ISS B DKr	2699½	-6½	...	0.8	18.0
637	475	Inchcape	564	-10	...	3.1	18.4
1035	669	Johnson Clean	1028	...	...	2.7	22.4
12	2½	Lep	7½	...	...	...	...
362	173	Mitie Gp	362	...	...	4.0	14.4
1234½	870½	Manpower	1190½	-19½	...	...	...
78½	40½	Michael Page	77½	...	1.8	2.9	32.9
279	108	Penna A	169	...	8.0	9.2	4.1
9½	1	Prime People	4½	...	...	...	...
142	57	Proudfoot	80	...	...	23.4	6.4
423	337	RCO	400	...	15.2	4.9	13.1
118	86	REA	110	...	2.0	2.3	...
127	43	Revd Executive	125	...	...	...	...
196	105	Reliance Sec A	171 †	...	4.5	4.3	34.4
279	178	Rensaldi	259	+5	2.5	1.3	32.1
368	220	Rolfe & Nolan	368	...	...	2.6	34.9
399	282	Salvesen (C)	282	-3	...	3.8	16.7
58	26	Sam Pickford A	56	...	0.8	1.8	17.8
17½	5	Select Appts	13½	...	...	...	...
1338	695	Serco Gp	1333	...	13.3	1.2	36.9
382	83	Sherwd Cmpss	89	-1	...	9.8	2.8
130	90	Sherriffs	115	...	...	3.3	30.3
355	210	Warner Howard	330	...	8.6	2.5	17.5
45	27	Welpac	30	...	...	...	...
30½	14	Wills Gp	26½	-1	...	1.8	19.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

280	210	Allied Colloids	275	-2	...	2.0	25.3
1064	613	Amersham	1068	-4	...	1.7	30.2
7	1½	Anglo Ind	3½	...	...	...	...
£119½	£82½	BASF DM	£134½	-1½%	...	5.5	...
393	199	BTP	346	-1	...	3.4	27.8
£144½	£101¼	Bayer DM50	£141	-25	...	3.7	...
185	105	Blagden	184	...	6.5	4.4	19.8
165	95	Brent Chemls	121	-1	...	7.6	11.1
530	340	Br Bio-Tech	388	+3	...	...	31.9
29	9	Cstrd Gp	11½	-½	...	7.2	5.1
199	126	Cuming (M)	170	...	...	...	20.5
425	388	Cantab Pharms	430	...	...	...	...
608	423	Courtaulds	463	-7	...	3.7	12.1
377	228	Croda	373	-2½	...	2.7	21.4
149	108	Docflex	132	...	4.6	4.4	10.1
382	175	Ellis & Everard	271 †	-4	0.8	2.8	19.1
47½	15½	Exco Colour	40	...	...	2.5	17.1
351	259	Halstead (J)	346	...	...	2.3	17.1
241	150	Hickson	195	-1	...	5.1	18.1
£123¾	£85½	Hoechst	£117½	-1½%	...	3.1	...
229	157	Holliday Chem	208	+1	...	2.2	19.1
915	606	ICI	768	-12	...	4.6	...
941	576	Laporte	826	-1	19.9	5.0	22.0
248	181	Leigh	217	...	...	4.5	19.1
97½	35	MTM	66	...	...	1.4	∞
2565½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	2335½	+3½	...	2.5	21.1
625	370	Paterson Zoch	625	...	...	2.6	20.1
995	360	de- 'A'	995	...	...	3.5	21.2
296	193	Plysu	249	...	...	...	...

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
308	172	Forward	293	...	3.8	1.6	31.3
70	35	Sunrise Speak	65	...	...	...	...
490	412	Wardle Storeys	484	...	...	4.5	22.4
625	395	Warnhlme K	625	...	17.0	3.4	21.4
483	330	Wdsy Chem	459	-11	8.1	2.2	∞
312	235	Yule Catto	307	...	...	2.4	18.1
869	593	Zeneca	774	-7	...	4.4	45.7

DRAPERY, STORES

102	53	Alexon	70	...	...	4.9	...
248	172	Alkders	228	-2	...	3.3	17.0
410	257	Argos Plc	356	-4	...	2.5	30.4
29	8	Ashley Group	9	...	...	2.8	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	94	-3	0.1	0.1	...
357	278	Asprey	340	...	...	5.2	21.9
199	94	Austin Reed	194	...	...	1.0	...
168	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	165	...	...	4.6	16.6
190	94	Bennetts	147	...	1.9	1.0	...
278	125	Betterware	153	+2	...	1.3	18.3
47	32	Blacks Leis	39	...	...	2.2	7.2
264½	155	Body Shop	244	-2	...	0.9	31.5
16½	9	Brown & Jackson	9½	...	...	1.0	5.0
491	318	Brown (N)	484	-4	...	1.9	28.4
897½	52	Burton	527½	-½	...	4.8	28.4
245	126	Cannon	236	-1	...	2.1	32.6
520	295	Church	441	-4	12.5	3.5	30.2
185	97	Clinton Cards	163	+2	4.3	3.3	19.7
357	212	Coats Viyella	325	-2	...	3.5	16.8
120	78	Chbourn&son A	91 †	...	5.6	7.7	16.3
181	154	Cnty Casuals	167	+1	...	3.1	15.5
995	594	Courts Furnish	895	...	5.6	0.8	11.0
195	115	Crown Spec A	195	+15	7.5	4.8	12.3
137	99	Daisy Fairs Intl	114	-½	...	3.2	16.7
109½	51½	Dewhirst (JJ)	108½	...	0.8	0.9	34.8
293	189	Dixons Grp	211 †	+4	...	3.7	...
21	8	EDA Gp	11	...	...	...	...
580	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	10.0	2.5	20.0
284	71	Essex Furn	271	-1	3.8	1.8	43.1
273	208	Etam	245	-2	7.0	3.6	22.5
608	499	Fine An Dev	510	+15	7.5	1.5	22.2
70	20	Fred Earth Intl	114	-½	...	3.2	16.7
713	498	Forminster	710	...	14.5	2.6	12.9
180	26	French Conn A	144	-4	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	66	...	...	4.8	30.5
100	23	Goldsmiths Gp	87	...	0.3	0.4	...
659	334	GUS	615 †	-17	...	2.3	19.0
40	21	Hampdcn Grps	35	...	...	5.0	12.4
227	30	Harrisons	79	+4	...	...	...
39½	20	Helene Plc	30	...	2.0	8.4	14.2
110	29	Heritage A	97	...	...	...	...
85	35	Honeysuckle A	85	...	...	3.3	12.5
211	83	Jacques Vert	193	-2	...	2.3	14.7
783	496	Kingfisher	627	+7	...	2.0	20.7
88	65½	Leslie Wise Gp	85	...	4.0	6.0	∞
645	495	Liberty	543	...	7.2	1.7	63.9
389	241	Lloyds Chem	339	-6	...	2.7	11.9
188	120	MFI	167 †	-2½	...	2.9	15.9
311	217	Marks Spencer	278	+½	...	2.5	21.9
680	445	Menzies (John)	672	...	...	2.1	17.4
288	135	Moss Bros	287	...	5.5	2.4	33.7
251	136½	Next	219	-3	3.5	2.0	26.1
46	15	Oliver Gp	45	...	...	...	...
335	197	Oriflame Intl	290	-7	...	4.2	14.2
63	24	Pentos	38	...	0.8	2.6	7.9
313	185	QS Hldgs	268	...	5.1	2.4	19.1
69½	28½	Quinto Grp	40	...	...	...	...
205	120	Rosebys	204	...	...	3.0	24.5
181	135	Sherwood Gp	172	...	...	1.9	15.5
132	93	Sears	118½	+1	...	3.7	47.7
41½	11	Sigmnt Group	36	...	...	...	...
545	400	Smith (W) 'A'	505 †	+8	...	3.7	16.3
172	63	do- B	116½	...	...	3.2	18.8
21	4½	Specialsyns A	13	...	...	...	...
178	110	Sumrhouse	126	...	...	1.6	23.3
253	176	Supreme	225	-1	...	4.4	13.5
16½	9	Thos Nthmn A	13	...	0.0	4.1	13.5
173	71	Tie Rack	156	-1	1.0	0.8	25.5
265	160	Time Products	257	...	7.7	3.8	22.2
151	63	Usher (Frankie	128	...	6.0	5.0	11.0
465	202	Vendome	455	-5	...	1.8	19.7
45	27	Vivat	37	...	1.0	3.4	11.5
87	42	WEW Group	58½	-½	...	2.6	43.1
54	34	Wensum A	48	...	1.8	4.9	...
129	78	Wickes	117	-1	1.0	1.1	∞
89	60	Wld of Leather A	89	...	...	...	...
195	142	Wyevale	189	-1	...	2.8	25.0
4	2	Xtra-Vision A	2	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

197	134	ACT Group	178½	+1½	...	3.5	17.9
275	223	Acal A	245	...	...	3.0	19.1
493	385	Admiral	482	...	5.7	1.4	20.8
186	106	Alba	186	...	...	3.3	21.0
59	19½	Alphameric	39	...	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	36	...	...	1.7	...
128	61	App Hole A	98	...	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	35	-1	...	...	...
94½	35½	Aster	92½	-1½	...	0.3	...
217	200	Atlan	206	...	...	1.4	21.7
283	226	Beales Hunter	266 †	...	...	4.3	17.1
9	2	Bennett & Fount	3½	...	...	...	...
478	319	BICC	456	-2	19.2	5.3	...
558	408	Blick	525	-5	...	2.5	19.1
1300	925	Burlnde	957½	...	...	...	...
384	270	Bowthorpe	360	-2	...	2.4	23.9
489½	376	BT	457	-4½	...	4.6	21.1
372½	310	BT PrP	319	-4	...	4.6	20.7
20	5	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	16½	-½	0.1	0.8	...
160	48	Burnfield	72	-3	5.7	10.0	11.4
545	334½	Cable Wireless	477 †	+4½	...	2.0	24.9
33	11½	Chloride	32½	...	...	...	21.7
276	228	CML Micro	270	...	4.7	2.2	19.6
137	74	Compir People	135	...	...	...	...
202	108½	Corp Effect	192½	-½	...	1.1	18.7
447	243	Critchley	442	-1	...	1.4	25.5
560	434	Delta	532	-2	...	3.3	22.2
580	205	Dennison El A	578 †	...	...	1.4	18.6
620	395	Domtar	498 †	-5	7.0	2.0	∞
77	48	Dowding Mills	73	...	...	4.3	31.3
1435	865	Dtycka	1433	...	10.3	0.8	32.8
589	388	Electrocomponts	526	+4	...	2.0	29.6
710	470	El Data Prc	585	...	...	1.2	16.5
175	45	Electron House	163 †	...	...	2.1	23.4
35	10½	Emess	30	...	0.1	0.4	...
774	462	Eurotherm	745 †	-4	...	1.6	25.3
71	43	Electron House	163 †	...	...	2.1	23.4
35	10½	Emess	30	...	0.1	0.4	...
774	462	Eurotherm	745 †	-4	...	1.6	25.3
209	172	Forvaly	203	...	3.8	1.8	31.3
70	35	Satellite Speak	65	...	...	...	...
490	412	Wardle Storeys	484	...	...	4.5	22.4
625	395	Warnhlme K	625	...	17.0	3.4	21.4
483	330	Wdsy Chem	459	-11	8.1	2.2	∞
312	235	Yule Catto	307	...	...	2.4	18.1
869	593	Zeneca	774	-7	...	4.4	45.7

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2556½	1487½	Amer Express	2012½	...	...	...	...
1208	835	Henderson Ad	1118	-27	...	4.7	25.8
251½	92	Invesco	218	-4	...	1.7	...
317	164	Jardine Strat	290½	+8½	...	2.5	12.1
303	154	MAI	285	-6	...	3.0	18.0
770	389	MAM	698	-8	16.0	2.9	17.4
1243	830	M & G	1150	-20	...	2.7	24.1
496	109	Smith New Ct	481	-3	...	1.9	4.5
81	45	Trio Hldgs	62 †	...	2.5	5.0	∞

FOODS

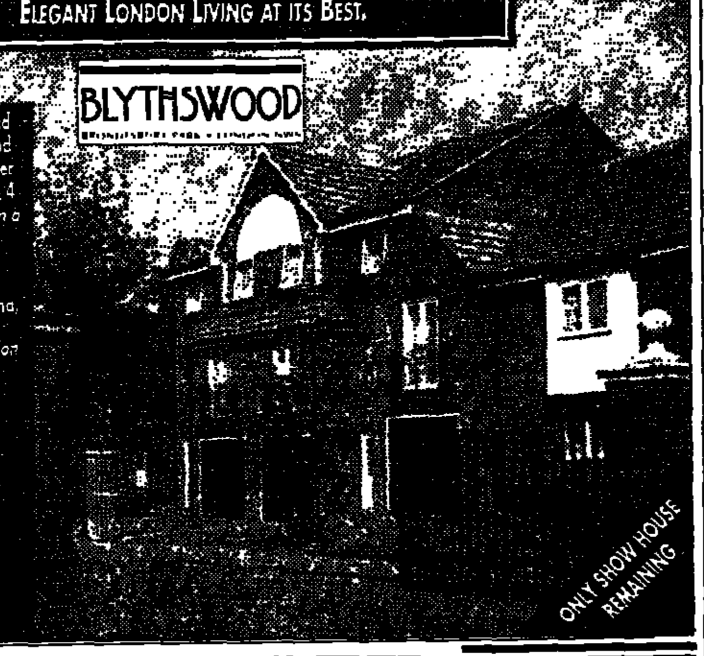
582	456	AB Food	549 †	...	...	3.4	11.4
77½	48½	ASDA Group	57½	+½	1.6	3.6	...
368	170	Acatos & Hutch	360	-9	...	2.8	13.1
80	58	Albert Fisher	68	+2	...	6.0	15.1
407	246	Allied	251	-2	...	5.7	9.0
210	160	Banks (S C)	200 †	...	9.0	4.5	9.9
402	305	Barr (AG)	340 †	...	6.5	2.4	∞
88	56	Bemrose Corpn	70	...	...	5.1	15.7
491	357	Bernard Jns	479	-2	...	3.1	38.1
52	35	Bortwick	50½	+1½	...	3.0	62.7
505	430	Brake Bros	490	...	8.3	1.6	30.4
51	37	Budgett	41	...	...	4.8	13.4
1545	407	Bovis	514 †	-3	...	3.9	17.0
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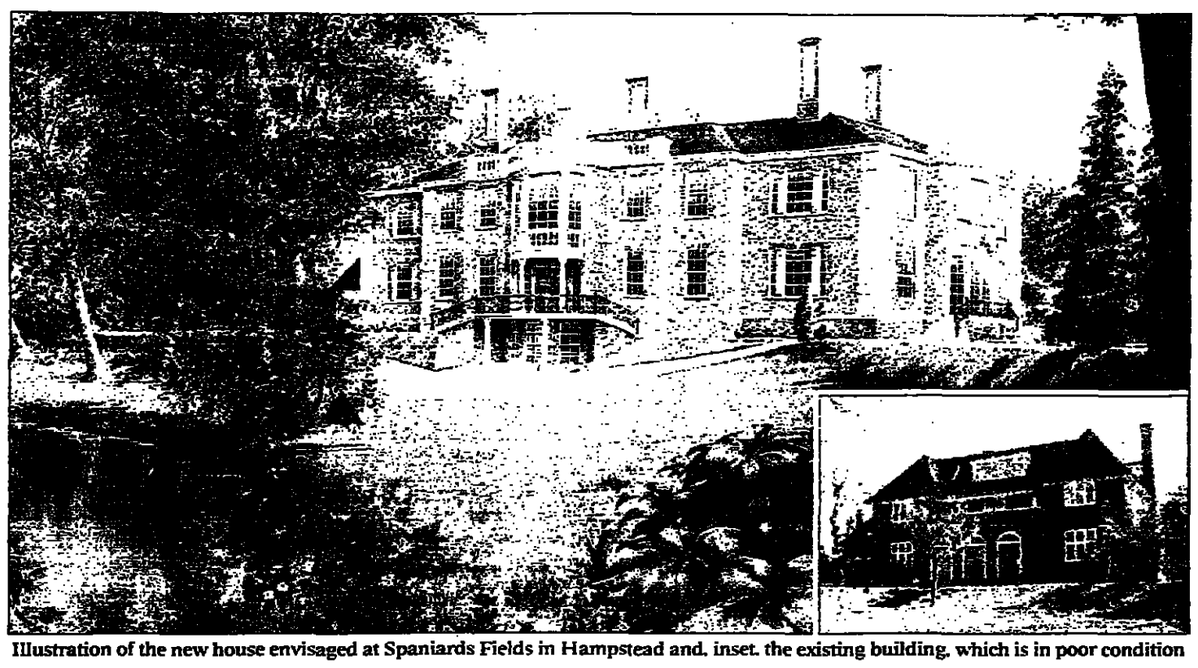


Illustration of the new house envisaged at Spaniards Fields in Hampstead and, inset, the existing building, which is in poor condition

A HOUSE'S history need not be long to be interesting, *James Fisher writes*. Spaniards Fields in Hampstead was built in 1929 and has a remarkable past, something its current derelict state does its best to conceal.

The name was borrowed from a nearby field which belonged to The Spaniards, the famous Hampstead tavern frequented by the likes of Dick Turpin and Lord Byron. The house was built by a stockbroker called Marriott, and stands in 2.5 acres of garden with a large lake which, according to local historian Kit Idekin, is what remains of a Georgian pleasure park dating from 1737.

In 1948 Marriott sold the house to the Elias family, who lived there until 1956, when it was purchased by Lord Frank Schon — who to this day remains the last full-time occupant. Trevor Abrahmsohn, the managing director of Glentree Estates, which acted for Lord Schon and has been involved in many of the subsequent sales, says that the house has become "an unwitting barometer of fortunes made and lost".

In 1976 it was bought by a Greek actor named Dimitri-Horne. In 1978 Agha Hasan Abedi, then president of the now infamous Bank of Credit and Commerce International, offered £700,000 for it which was not accepted. Mrs Dimitri-Horne sold in 1982 to an investment company, which passed it on to Rajendra Sethia, who was declared Britain's largest bankrupt in 1985.

The Punjab National Bank was the mortgagee and came into possession of the property. The bank instructed Glentree Estates once again to find a buyer. This they did in the form of the property tycoon Godfrey Bradman, of Rosehaugh plc, who paid £2 million for the house. But he was also destined never to live there. His plans to build a brand new neo-classical house on the site fell foul of the local authority and conservation-minded neighbours. A long, acrimonious and ultimately unsuccessful battle followed to gain planning consent.

In 1991 the house was sold for about £3.3 million to Paul Reichmann of the property developers Olympia & York. With Canary Wharf taking shape, Reichmann needed a UK domestic base. But before he got the chance, he was forced by the collapse of O&Y to sell it.

The new owner, an international businessman, picked up the house 18 months ago for a reported bargain £2 million, and has lodged a planning application for a larger property with the local authority.

Idle curiosity often leads people to investigate the history of their home, but now there is a more compelling reason. The Property Misdescription Act introduced last year makes it imperative when selling to provide accurate information. The days when the description "18th-century" could be imaginatively stretched to cover the first 20 years or more of the 19th century are gone.

Hard evidence is readily available if you know where to look, and it is the business of Harvey Van Sickle to know where. He is a consultant who, for the past eight years, has been employed by architects and the estate agents Knight, Frank & Rutley to research and provide detailed histories of buildings.

Although most of his research is now into commercial properties, he also investigates houses, and he has useful advice for amateur domestic sleuths. "It is a methodical task rather than a creative one," he says.

The Victoria County History is usually his starting point for a contextual history of an area. He then zeroes in on the individual property at the relevant Records Office, looking at census records, Ordnance Survey maps, rates documents, title deeds and so on. In addition to these he will visit the National Monuments Record on London's Savile Row for photographic material, and a local history collection for published information, such as contemporaneous newspaper reports. He stresses that history must make sense, so chronology and context are vital.

He cites as evidence a house which had always been an inn but became a butchers in the middle of the 18th century. Just before, the village concerned lost its ferry across the Thames and got a bridge instead. Mr Van Sickle believes the new bridge killed the inn's custom and forced it to change its business.

Armed with Mr Van Sickle's advice, I did a couple of hours' research in the local library on a north London Victorian house and discovered the following information.

The house stands on land owned by Eton College since 1449, which remained agricultural until Nash laid out Regent's Park and made the adjoining area fashionable (local history book). The house does not appear on the 1864 Ordnance Survey map, but is there by 1866. The 1881 census was virtually illegible, but the 1891 census records a Sydney Manooch living at the address. He was a retired 36-year-old decorator born in St Pancras, who had a wife and five-year-old daughter. They had three servants, including a governess from Wellington, New Zealand. The relevant street directory shows a Mrs Wilson as occupant in 1873, and Gordon Larkworthy by 1894. A more detailed look through the electoral registers would have revealed other occupants.

But census records only become public 100 years after they are initially conducted. Because they are carried out every ten years, they will also throw up anomalies. Future owners of the Chelsea Rectory, on the market later this year at an estimated £25 million, may be disappointed when they consult the 1991 census for information about its then occupants. It will reveal to them not sheikhs, movie moguls or international business tycoons, but two writers and a furniture restorer. What it will not show is that the house was derelict at the time and that they were there as caretakers.

For those who do not have the time or the sleuthing patience, there are people who will do it for you — for a fee. But Mr Van Sickle warns: "Research is very time-consuming, and it often takes longer to find nothing than to come up with information which isn't exactly thrilling."

And he is wary of people who offer a history for a flat fee. Better to engage a researcher for a day, he says, to discover whether further enquiries are in fact necessary.

Cracking the postcode

What matters is not how des your res is, but how smart the thieves are

When the postcode system was introduced it was not the Post Office alone that benefited but also insurance companies, who got a much better means of working out levels of premiums for household contents.

For the biggest insurers, Sun Alliance, it has enabled the collation of more than 20 years' worth of facts and figures about high-claim postal districts — much from *burglaries. It also shows how* changes can occur over several years, which necessitates premium adjustments.

Like other insurers, Sun Alliance is now seeing a change with a swing of crime away from the inner cities and towards the rural areas.

> Insurers see a swing in crime away from cities to rural areas

Although the postcode system is not *perfect, it is* the best and most appropriate way of being fair, says Steve Turner of Sun Alliance. Anyone who insures puts their money into the same pot. Everyone who claims takes from that pot, some more than others, and the insurers work out premiums to make sure that areas which take most out pay more in.

There are 2,400 postcodes on which premiums are based. An area such as Wimbledon — London SW19 — can have a mixed level of crime, but because dividing a postal district into smaller areas to account for individual letters and names is far too difficult a job, the good has to go with the bad. Sun Alliance and Prudential rate these areas on a sliding scale.

Most places fall in the lower risk bracket because they are in rural areas. It is not until you reach the major cities that the premiums begin to climb sharply upwards.

Nearly 60 per cent of all claims are due to crime, and the opportunist thief, who makes up about 90 per cent of that figure, is the greatest curse of the insurance companies. Thieves take no account of class, property values or postal districts.

Mike Sibley from the Prudential says: "Nowhere is burglar-proof. Hampstead, for instance, is high because of the high burglary rate. The more sophisticated the security, the *more sophisticated the burgler* who will target these areas."

Last year, the Prudential had 72,000 claims involving £57 million, many involving theft. (A large claim in a single area will not affect the general premium.) In 1992, there were 92,000 costing £54 million — and this year the company *expects the total* cost figure to go up again.

Mr Turner says: "The way we do it on postcodes is a good method, but not perfect. It can be unfair to some, advantageous to others, but we are very confident of our own figures. As the biggest insurers we have very much more exposure."

Premiums from insurance companies range from £80 to £90 in the lowest-risk areas, and up to about £600 in the higher-risk areas. For a four-bedroom house with £30,000 of contents at risk.

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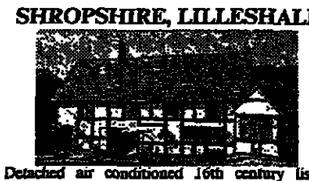
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Elements of physical damage tort

Marc Rich & Co AG and Others v Bishop Rock Marine Co Ltd and Others (The Nicholas H)

Before Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Saville

[Judgment February 3]

A person whose negligence resulted in physical damage to the plaintiff or his property owed a duty of care to the injured party if it could be established, not only that the negligent party foresaw, or should reasonably have foreseen, the damage, but also that there was a relationship of proximity between the parties and that in all the circumstances it was fair, just and reasonable to impose a duty of care.

In that respect no distinction was to be drawn between cases of negligence causing physical damage and those involving pure economic loss.

The existence of a contractual claim, derived from the Hague Rules, scheduled to the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1971, by owners of shipwrecked cargo against shipowners for breach of a non-delegable duty to use due diligence to ensure the seaworthiness of the vessel meant that it would not be fair, just or reasonable to impose a tortious duty of care to avert the loss on a classification society in respect of their surveyor's alleged negligence prior to the voyage on which the loss occurred.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by the third defendant classification society, Nippon Kaiji Kyokai, against an order made on July 2, 1992 by Mr Justice Hirst, sitting in the Commercial Court, whereby he had held as a preliminary point of law that the society owed a duty of care to the plaintiff cargo owners, Marc Rich & Co AG. The plaintiffs' action was dismissed, the claims against the first and second defendants having been, respectively settled and withdrawn.

Mr Richard Aikens, QC and Mr Jonathan Harvie, QC, for the classification society: Mr Peter Gross, QC, for the cargo owners.

LORD JUSTICE SAVILLE said that early in 1986 the vessel Nicholas H had loaded bulk cargoes of lead and zinc concentrate at Callao in Peru and Antofagasta in Chile for carriage to Italy and the Black Sea.

Two weeks or so after embarking on that voyage the vessel had anchored off San Juan, Puerto Rico, having reported to the US Coastguard a crack in her hull. The vessel had been inspected at anchor by a surveyor acting on behalf of her classification society, Nippon Kaiji Kyokai, after which she had entered San Juan harbour where, according to her owners, some repairs had been effected.

The surveyor had then recommended that the vessel should continue on the intended voyage but that the repairs carried out at San Juan should be further examined and dealt with at the earliest opportunity after discharge of the cargo.

The vessel had sailed from San Juan on March 2, 1986. The next day she had reported that the welding of the temporary repairs had cracked, and despite attempted repairs at sea, she had sunk a few days later. The cargo had been totally lost.

The submissions before the court had fallen into two parts, the first being concerned with what the law required for the imposition of a duty of care, and the second being the question whether on the assumed facts the plaintiffs had met those requirements.

As to the first, the essential issue between the parties was whether there was a difference in kind or merely in degree between cases where the negligence had caused physical damage to the person or property of the plaintiff and cases where the damage was of a purely economic nature.

Mr Gross had submitted that on the authorities all that the former category required was proof of reasonable foreseeability of damage and, where property was damaged, a proprietary or possessory interest of the claimant in the damaged property, whereas Mr Aikens had submitted that both categories required not merely foreseeability of loss or damage, but also a relationship of what the cases described as proximity between the parties; and furthermore that in all the circumstances it was fair, just and reasonable to impose a duty of care upon the defendant.

In recent years there had been a number of cases which dealt with situations where no physical damage had resulted from the carelessness in question, but where the claimant had sustained financial loss or expenses.

To his Lordship's mind the law drew no fundamental difference between such cases and those where there was damage to person or property.

There was good reason for that. The remedy the law afforded in both cases, if a duty of care existed and was broken, was by way of financial compensation. If the loss or damage could be measured in both cases in money terms, why should there be any difference in principle between the two situations?

Donoghue v Stevenson ([1932] AC 562) was no authority for the proposition advanced by Mr Gross that the "Who is my neighbour?" test required only foreseeability of harm thorough carelessness.

If Mr Gross's argument were to be accepted, then it would logically follow that a duty of care could arise in circumstances in which its existence was unjust, unfair and unreasonable: hardly a sound basis for the particular part of law under consideration.

The authorities pointed to the conclusion that, whatever the nature of the harm sustained by the plaintiff, it was necessary to consider the matter not only by enquiring about foreseeability but also by considering the nature of the relationship between the parties: and to be satisfied that in all the circumstances it was fair, just and reasonable to impose a duty of care.

Considering the circumstances of the instant case his Lordship said that the goods in question had been loaded under bills of lading that incorporated the Hague Rules.

Thus the shipowners had been under a non-delegable duty to the cargo owners to use due diligence to make the vessel seaworthy at the beginning of the voyage.

The cargo owners alleged that the shipowners had been in breach of that duty and that that had caused the loss of the cargo.

On that basis, therefore, the proposition had to be that it was fair, just and reasonable to impose a duty on the classification society in favour of the cargo owners to take reasonable care to avert the consequences of that breach.

His Lordship was not persuaded by such a proposition. The Hague Rules formed an internationally recognised code adjusting the rights and duties existing between shipowners and those shipping goods under bills of lading.

The proposition advanced by Mr Gross would add an identical or virtually identical duty owed by the classification society to that owed by the shipowners, but without any of the balancing factors, which were internationally recognised and accepted. That was not a just, fair or reasonable proposition.

His Lordship was not persuaded that there had been a sufficiently close relationship between the cargo owners and the classification society in the assumed circumstances of the instant case to support a duty of care owed by the latter to the former, or that it would be fair, just or reasonable to impose such a duty.

He would allow the appeal.

Lord Justice Mann delivered a judgment concurring in the result.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE, concurring, said that the rationale of the distinction between physical damage and economic loss was to be found in the speech of Lord Oliver in *Murphy v Brentwood District Council* ([1991] 1 AC 398, 486-487), where he had said that in "the straightforward case of the direct infliction of physical injury by the act of [the defendant] there is ... no need to look beyond the foreseeability by the defendant of the result in order to establish that he is in a "proximate" relationship with the plaintiff ... The infliction of physical injury to the person or property of another universally requires to be justified. The causing of economic loss does not."

For his Lordship's part he doubted whether the words "fair, just and reasonable" imposed a test additional to that of "proximity". In his judgment those were criteria to be adopted in considering whether the necessary degree of proximity existed.

Solicitors: Norton Rose; Lovell White Durrant.

Power to make shared residence order

A v A (Children: Shared residence order)

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Mr Justice Connell

[Judgment February 3]

A shared residence order, under section 11(4) of the Children Act 1989, should be made only when the circumstances of the particular case were unusual. Moreover, the court would consider whether there was anything of positive benefit to the child in the making of such an order, guided by the criteria in section 1(1) and (3) of the Act. *Riley v Riley* ([1986] 2 FLR 429) should no longer to be followed.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing the appeal of the petitioner mother against the decision of Judge MacDonald in Newcastle upon Tyne County Court on October 1, 1993, to make a shared residence order, on the father's application, that the two children of the marriage should live with the mother and stay with the father on alternate weekends from 10.00am on Saturday until 6.00pm on Sunday and half all school holidays including school half terms.

Miss Sheila Stephenson for the mother; Miss Pauline Moulder for the father.

MR JUSTICE CONNELL said that after the parents separated in 1991 interim care and control of the children was granted to the mother with reasonable access to the father, at the discretion of the welfare officer.

Further orders relating to contact and staying with the father were made so that the effect was that the children were with the father for one third of the year.

The mother contended that such an order should rarely be made and only in exceptional circumstances, relying on *dicta* in the Court of Appeal in *In re H* ([1993] 1 FCR 671, 682G-683B), but that the present case was normal with nothing exceptional about it.

His Lordship declined the invitation to make a declaratory judgment as to the appropriate circumstances for the making of such an order as circumstances varied, each case depending on its own facts.

The court could only support certain general principles, including that such an order should only be made in unusual cases. The court would look to see whether there was something of positive benefit to the children in making such an order, guided by the 1989 Act and especially section 1(1) and matters set out in the welfare checklist in section 1(3).

The mother also emphasised the importance of a settled home for the children, relying on *In re H* (at pp680-681) and the reference there to *Riley v Riley* where the Court of Appeal observed- [at pp431-432) that a joint care and control order should not be made.

His Lordship doubted whether *Riley* remained a binding authority now that the 1989 Act was in place and bore in mind what was said in the Department of Health publication *The Children Act 1989, Guidance and Regulations* ([1991] volume I, paragraph 2.28) in relation to shared residence orders.

In the present case there was no issue on the amount of time to be spent by the children with each parent, the only issue being the nature of the order. The father accepted that the children's main home was with the mother.

The court had to bear in mind that the judge's conclusions and his order were made in the framework of the 1989 Act, exercising his discretion in relation to the welfare of the children: There was evidence to justify the making of the order, he had considered the authorities and the court could not say that he was wrong.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS, agreeing, said that the 1989 Act specifically contemplated that a child might have residence with more than one person. In the light of the statutory framework for such an order the disapproval of a joint custody order in *Riley* could no longer be good law and was overruled by the Act.

The effect of the Act was to provide a wider and more flexible approach to the care of children and to their carers. The previous case law had to give way to the Act as it applied, although the court had to proceed in the light of the wisdom of the past since children's problems had not changed.

The usual order to be made was one of residence with one parent and a contact order to the other. Therefore it was unusual to make a shared residence order but the decision to do so was at the judge's discretion on the specific facts of the particular case.

It was unlikely that such an order would be made where there were concrete issues to be resolved, for example the amount of contact or educational arrangements.

If a child had a settled home with one parent and substantial contact with the other which was working well, and where there was no possibility of confusion in the child's mind as to where he would be at a particular time, that might be a possible basis for the making of a shared residence order if it was of positive benefit to the child.

In the present case, the father played a particularly important part in the children's lives, as the judge found, and he followed *In re H* (at p683) by concluding there were exceptional circumstances to justify the making of such an order.

Her Ladyship said that if the observations in that case imparted a general test of exceptional circumstances in the interpretation of section 11(4), such observations were *obiter* and she did not agree with them. The section did not import such a constraint. Nevertheless shared residence was an unusual order to be made in unusual circumstances.

Solicitors: Stanford & Lambert, Newcastle upon Tyne: *Griffinhoofe* for Richmonds, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Stigma compensation claim cannot be sustained

Malik and Another v Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA

Before Mr Justice Evans-Lombe

[Judgment February 16]

An honest employee who had been unfairly dismissed by an employer who was widely known to have been engaged in fraudulent practices could not claim "stigma compensation" as a head of damages to make good the loss he experienced as a result of difficulty in obtaining fresh employment on account of the fact that potential employers unfairly assumed that he had been associated with his former employer's fraudulent course of dealings.

Mr Justice Evans-Lombe so held in the Chancery Division on an application to determine, *inter alia*, whether Mr Qaiser Malik and Mr Raihan Mahmud, former employees of Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA, had a reasonable cause of action for stigma compensation.

Mr Andrew Stafford for the applicants: Mr Christopher Jeans for the liquidators of the bank.

MR JUSTICE EVANS-LOMBE said that the applicants had been employed by BCCI and had submitted proofs of debt in the liquidation by which they sought different categories of claims one of which was that they had suffered a handicap in the labour market as a result of having been employed by BCCI.

They claimed that their job prospects were affected because potential employers assumed that they had been involved in the fraudulent dealings of the bank prior to its liquidation.

The liquidators argued that the claim for stigma compensation provided no reasonable cause of action and should be struck out.

The case proceeded on the basis of agreed assumptions of fact that the applicants had no such involvement and was important because there were a number of other ex-employees of the bank in a similar situation.

As there was no express term in the applicants' contracts of employment to cover the situation, the applicants maintained that a term was to be implied that the employer would not without reasonable or proper cause so conduct its business with its customer that the employees in that business would be or would be likely to be put at a disadvantage in the employment market in the event that their employment was terminated.

The liquidators maintained that it was no part of a contract of employment to prepare employees for employment elsewhere: it governed only the terms of employment for the duration of the contract.

In any event, they said, the court was precluded by authority from allowing any claim greater than damages that would accrue from the date of the dismissal to the date when the contract could lawfully have been terminated.

His Lordship reviewed the authorities, in particular *Addis v Gramophone Co Ltd* ([1909] AC 488), *Withers v General Theatre Corporation Ltd* ([1933] 2 KB 536), *Herbert Clayton & Jackwater Ltd v Oliver* ([1930] AC 209), *O'Laoire v Jackel International Ltd (No 2)* ([1991] ICR 718) and *British Guiana Credit Corporation v da Silva* ([1965] 1 WLR 248) and concluded that cases decided by higher courts and binding on him prevented him from finding in the applicants' favour however sympathetic to their claim he might be.

Accordingly that part of the applicants' claim would be struck out as disclosing no cause of action.

Solicitors: Manches & Co; Lovell White Durrant.

Date of appointment of arbitrator

Robinson v Moody

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Roch

[Judgment January 27]

The actual date on which an arbitrator could be said to have been appointed for the purposes of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 depended primarily on the facts of each case. Clear evidence of receipt and acceptance by the arbitrator of a letter of appointment from both parties was sufficient and no written notification of his willingness to act was required.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an interlocutory appeal by a tenant, Mr Charles D. Robinson, from the decision of Mr Assistant Recorder Matthews in Gainsborough County Court in November 1992 in favour of a landlord, Mr John Moody, that the appointment of an arbitrator was invalid under article 10(a) of the Agricultural Holdings (Arbitration on Notices) Order (SI 1987 No 710).

Miss Joanne Moss for the tenant; Mr Keith Rowley for the landlord.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY said that by a counter-notice served on March 12, 1992 the tenant of an agricultural holding contested a notice to quit and required the issues to be determined by arbitration.

By article 10(a) of the 1987 Order that counter-notice ceased to be effective three months after the date of its service unless by that time an arbitrator had been appointed.

On June 10, 1992, both the landlord and the tenant, acting through solicitors, signed a document nominating a named person to act as the arbitrator and inviting him to do so. That document was received by the arbitrator on June 11 when he wrote to the solicitors of both parties notifying them of his acceptance. By June 15 both solicitors had received the notification.

The recorder held that the latest date for a valid appointment was June 12 and that the arbitrator was not duly appointed until June 15 when the notification of his acceptance was actually known to both parties.

Miss Moss submitted that the matter had to be viewed in a contractual setting. The date of the appointment, she said, was the date on which the arbitrator accepted the invitation to act so that in accordance with normal principles of contract law he had been validly appointed.

For the landlord it was argued, relying on *Tradax Export SA v Volkswagenwerk AG* ([1970] 1 QB 537) and *Hannaford v Smallacombe* (*The Times* December 30, 1993) that the appointment did not take effect until the parties each received notification of the arbitrator's consent to act.

There was no reason to impose any gloss on the straightforward wording of article 10(a). What amounted to an "appointment" for the purposes of article 10(a) had to depend primarily on the facts of each case.

Here there was agreement on the identity of the arbitrator and as soon as he was approached he accepted the invitation to act. There was clear evidence of his acceptance to be found in the letter he wrote and posted on June 11.

From that date the arbitrator became entitled to charge the parties. At the latest his appointment was complete when he notified the solicitors, who on behalf of the parties had contacted him.

Solicitors: Tallents Godfrey & Co, Newark: Roythorne & Co, Spalding.

No irregularity in mention of majority direction time

Regina v Guthrie

Before Lord Justice Russell, Mrs Justice Smith and Mr Justice Judge

[Judgment February 11]

While it was conventional and desirable not to mention to the jury the time at which a majority direction might be given, it was not necessarily wrong to do so if the effect was to alleviate any anxiety or uncertainty that the jury might entertain.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so stated in dismissing an appeal by Christopher John Guthrie against his conviction in June 1993 at Kingston upon Thames Crown Court (Mr Recorder Cooper, QC and a jury) of attempted theft for which he was sentenced to 45 hours community service.

Mr Thomas McKinnon, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Kevin Leigh for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL, giving the judgment of the court, said that the jury was sent out quite late in the day and in answer to a jury note the recorder told them that they would have to continue to try to reach a unanimous verdict because he could not give them a majority direction until 5.22pm.

Mr McKinnon submitted that that imposed a time limit by inference on the jury's deliberations which amounted to improper pressure and constituted a material irregularity within section 2 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968.

The observations of the single judge [giving leave to appeal] were illuminating and helpful: "If the recorder had said: 'The law does not allow me at this stage to receive other than a unanimous verdict: please retire again and seek to achieve unanimity; if you are still unable to do so, and when the law permits me, I will recall you and give the appropriate further direction' what then? Those observations were conventional and were what should normally fall from a judge in this situation."

The single judge continued: "The jury might well have speculated that they could be in retirement for a good deal longer than the 50-odd minutes he identified. In which event, far from putting any pressure on them, by doing what he did he alleviated any anxiety or uncertainty they entertained."

While it was unconventional to refer to any time at all, the fact that the recorder did mention a time had the advantage pointed out by the single judge. No pressure was put on the jury. Their Lordships saw no merit in that single ground of appeal and it was accordingly dismissed.

Solicitors: CPS, South Western Branch.

Corrections

In *Harlow v National Westminster Bank plc and Others* (*The Times* January 3) the solicitors for the appellant residuary legatees were Taylor Joynson Garrett.

In *Smith v Abbot and Others* (*The Times* February 18) the name of Mr Rabinder Singh was omitted from the list of counsel for the Crown.

In *R v Mansell* (*The Times* February 22) that part of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 cited should have read section 31(3).

Wasted costs risk

Regina v Lambeth London Borough Council. Ex parte Mahmood

Individual officers of a local authority might be held personally liable for wasted costs where a decision not to contest a judicial review application was taken at the last moment.

Mr Justice Sedley so stated in the Queen's Bench Division on February 21 when making an order for costs against the London Borough of Lambeth in favour of a legally aided applicant for judicial review of one of its decisions.

MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said that the grant of leave in judicial review proceedings was intended, inter alia, to concentrate the mind of a respondent on whether the decision impugned was defensible.

Without making any personal criticism of individuals not before the court, his Lordship stated that it was a serious matter for a local authority to leave a decision on whether to contest such proceedings until the last moment, with the result that court time, which might otherwise have been used, and substantial costs were wasted.

His Lordship wished to have it known, moreover, that in some circumstances individual officers of a local authority might be held personally liable for those costs.

International Law Report

Successors bound by frontier treaty

Territorial Dispute (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya/Chad)

Before Sir Robert Jennings, President, Judge Oda, Vice-President and Judges Ago, Schwebel, Bedjaoui, Ni, Evensen, Tarassov, Guillaume, Shahabuddeen, *Aguilar Mawdsley, Weeramantry, Ranjeva, Ajibola, Herczegh, and Judges ad hoc Sette-Camara and Abi-Saab*

[Judgment February 3]

The International Court of Justice found by a majority of 16 to one (*Judge ad hoc Sette-Camara* dissenting) that the boundary between the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Republic of Chad was defined by the Treaty of Friendship and Good Neighbourliness concluded on August 10, 1955 between the French Republic and the United Kingdom of Libya.

The Court said that it would recall that, in accordance with customary international law, reflected in article 31 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties 1969, a treaty had to be interpreted in good faith in accordance with the ordinary meaning to be given to its terms in their context and in the light of its object and purpose.

Interpretation had above all to be based on the text of the treaty. As a supplementary measure recourse might be had to means of interpretation such as the preparatory work and the circumstances of its conclusion.

According to article 3 of the 1955 Treaty the parties "recognise that the frontiers ... are those that result" from certain international instruments. "Recognise" indicated that a legal obligation was undertaken. To recognise a frontier was essentially to accept that frontier, to draw legal consequences from its existence, to respect it and to renounce the right to contest it in future.

In the contention of Libya, the parties to the 1955 Treaty had intended to recognise only the frontiers that had been previously fixed by the international instruments: where frontiers already existed, they were confirmed by the 1955 Treaty, but where there was no frontier, as in the south, the treaty did not create one.

The Court was unable to accept that view. It had no difficulty in either ascertaining or giving effect to the natural and ordinary meaning of the relevant terms of the 1955 Treaty.

In the view of the Court the terms of the treaty signified that the parties thereby recognised complete frontiers between their respective territories.

The fixing of a frontier depended on the will of the sovereign states directly concerned. There was nothing to prevent the parties from deciding by mutual agreement to consider a certain line as a frontier, whatever the previous status of that line.

If it was already a territorial boundary it was confirmed. If it was not previously a territorial boundary the agreement of the parties to recognise it invested it with a legal force it had previously lacked.

The dispute before the Court, whether described as a territorial dispute or a boundary dispute, was conclusively determined by a treaty to which Libya was an original party and Chad a party in succession to France.

The Court's conclusion that the treaty contained an agreed boundary rendered it unnecessary to consider the history of the borderlands claimed by Libya on the basis of title inherited from others.

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A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, 12nd Floor, London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED this 16th February 1994
C.D. Arnold
Director

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A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, 12nd Floor, London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED this 16th February 1994
C.D. Arnold
Director

CANTERBURY PARK LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before Friday 18th March 1994 to send in writing their full names, addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Richard Ian Williamson of Campbell Crowley and Davis, 348/350 Lytham Road, Blackpool, FY4 1DW the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by Notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally, or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such Notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated 17th February 1994
R.I. Williamson
Liquidator

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
SECTIONS 392 AND 393
TAKE NOTE that I, MARK ROBERT FRY of Messrs Taylor Oldham, Warren House, 10-20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4QY intend to apply to the Secretary of State under the provisions of the above act for authorisation to act as an Insolvency Practitioner.
Any person having reason to believe that such authorisation should not be granted should, within 28 days of publication of this notice communicate such reason to the Department of Trade and Industry, Room 609, Companies House, 55 City Road, London EC1Y 1BB.
Dated this 15th day of February 1994
Mark Robert Fry

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
Name of company: Excom Plc
Registered number: 2642908
Former Company name(s): N/A
Trading name(s): Excom
Nature of business: Second hand computer dealing
Trade classification: 56
Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 11 February 1994
Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: Midland Bank Plc, Peter Norman Sprott & Michael David Grecke, Joint Administrative Receivers
Office holder no(s): 6278 & 2560
Address(es): Price Waterhouse, Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1HB

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No 00699 of 1994
IN THE MATTER OF VCI PLC
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 1st February 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of (a) the reduction of the capital of the above named company from £44,828,434.76 divided into 4,482,843,476 Ordinary Shares of 1p each to £1,793,137.39 divided into 4,482,843,476 Ordinary Shares of 0.04p each and (b) the reduction of the share premium account of the Company by £8,675,070.22.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on 9th March 1994.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for confirmation of the said reductions should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A COPY of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED the 23rd day of February 1994
NORTON ROSE
PO Box 570
Blackfriars House
19 New Bridge Street
London EC4V 6DH
Ref: AXMS/ASV/157830
Solicitors for the Company

RULE 4.106 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
ALUTECH WINDOWS LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, David John Mason of Morley Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Alutech Windows Limited by a resolution at the meeting of creditors held on 18th February 1994.
DATED this 18 day of February 1994
DJ MASON
Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
THAMES VALLEY CREATIVE HOMES LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Chesterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the Members and Creditors on 14th February 1994.
Dated this 17th day of February 1994
M.R. DORRINGTON
Liquidator

THE HAMPTON SITE COMPANY
THE INSOLVENCY ACT AND RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106, I, M P Riley of Clark Whitehill & Co, 25 New Street Square, London EC4A 3LN, give notice that on 16 February, 1994 I was appointed Liquidator by resolutions of members.
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up are required, on or before the 30 April 1994 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to the undersigned M P Riley of 25 New Street Square, London, EC4A 3LN, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.
Note. This note is purely formal. All creditors have been or will be paid in full
Dated 18 February 1994
M P Riley
Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
MND LIMITED
TRADING NAME: C & S CONTROL SYSTEM
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 18 February 1994 I Robert David Hewitt was appointed Joint Liquidator of the above named company which is in Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up, by the Members and by the Creditors of the Company.
Creditors who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me at the following address: 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD before 18th March 1994.
RD HEWITT
Joint Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
NEILSSON WINDOWS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Chesterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the Members and Creditors on 17th February 1994.
Dated this 17th day of February 1994
M.R. DORRINGTON
Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
STAVELEY SECURITY LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
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Any information required by the Creditors concerning the Company's affairs may be obtained from B A Hornack of Sorsky Defries, situated at Gable House, 239 Regents Park Road, London N3 3LF being a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner.
DATED this 18th day of February 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
David Taylor, Director

THE WINE & ALE CAFE LIMITED
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Nature of business: Licensed victualler and restaurateur
Trade classification: 68
Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 2nd February 1994
Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): Den Danske Bank
Ian John Allan and Peter George Mills
Joint Administrative Receivers
Office holder no(s): 6878 and 7948
Address: 1 Rising House Street London W1A 3AS

THOMAS TOWNEND & CO LTD
AND
EVERITT W VERO & CO LTD
(Both in Receivership)
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that meetings of the creditors of the above named companies will be held at Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London, W1H 3FF on 8th March 1994 at 11.15 am and 11.45 am respectively for the purposes provided for in the Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above companies' creditors can be inspected at offices of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated this 16th February 1994
KEITH J VERO
Director

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Audiences in Leicester Square don their 3-D glasses for an evening of Fifties nostalgia

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Legendary American choreographer Twyla Tharp talks on the eve of a rare London season



Glorious even in his gloom

Bernard Haitink, 65 next week, talks to Richard Morrison about the triumphs and trials of a great conducting career

A teenage scribbler once asked Bernard Haitink "what it took" to conduct Wagner's *Ring*. That great Dutch brow furrowed: the maestro pondered long and hard. "Comfortable shoes," he replied.

Orchestral players revere Haitink, and it is easy to understand why. He has genius, but he also has humility. He is never cruel. "If I shout at a player I feel awful," he says. "Orchestral musicians are a peculiar lot, but I do like them."

And he never play-acts a temperamental *scena*. "The problem with walking out of a rehearsal," he observes drily, "is that you then have to come back." Is he entirely bereft of vanity, then? "Of course I have an ego, otherwise I would not be in this business. And I am also easily hurt, a very exposed person. But in some ways I am an anti-conductor. I would never say *my* orchestra or *my* opera house."

Yet the "anti-conductor" has enjoyed one of the finest conducting careers of the century. Consider his 25 superlative years with the Concertgebouw Orchestra in his native Amsterdam: 12 years with the London Philharmonic; ten years as music director of Glyndebourne; and, so far, six undeniably bracing years at the Royal Opera House. Remember, too, his magisterial recordings, particularly his unsurpassed cycles of Bruckner, Mahler and Shostakovich symphonies.

Next week Haitink turns 65. Any notion that he will be hanging up his baton and collecting his free bus pass can be swiftly dispelled. He will celebrate his birthday (March 4) by conducting Trevor Nunn's new production of Janáček's *Katya Kabanova* at the Royal Opera. Later this spring he will take charge of the opening night at the new Glyndebourne Opera House, conducting *The Marriage of Figaro* 60 years to the day after Fritz Busch performed the same work to inaugurate the first Glyndebourne.

Another maestro with his record of achievement — and a few without — would glow with smugness. Haitink remains wry, phlegmatic, self-deprecating or deeply worried, depending on circumstance.

"There are some pieces," he claims, "that I am still completely frightened of. Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis* for instance. My record company asked me to record it, and I refused. They were furious: 'We give you this plum, and you turn it down!' 'I'm sorry,' I said, 'but I don't feel ready for it yet.' So they said 'okay then, we'll give it to somebody else'." Haitink gives a hollow, honking laugh. "And they did."

Surely the younger Haitink must have been cockier and more carefree? "No," comes the emphatic answer. "I was even more insecure, because I started young in front of a famous orchestra — or what was supposed to be a famous orchestra." He searches for a suitably gloomy aphorism, probably Dutch. "Nowhere does the sun shine for 24 hours a day," he says.

Haitink's schooling had been erratic, not surprising for a boy with a half-Jewish mother living in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam. But he took up the violin, gained enough competence to join a professional orchestra, and nourished a burning desire to conduct. At 26, a once-only chance came: Giulini was ill, the Concertgebouw needed a conductor in a hurry.

The local lad must have impressed, because six years later he became the orchestra's principal conductor — to the disapproval of its crusty older players. "I had a hard time, and I cannot say I was always happy. Yet I learnt a lot, and still — deep in my heart — I am very fond of that orchestra."

> "I often say that if you survive, this is already something"

That last remark is loaded with hidden significance. Haitink's leaving of Amsterdam in 1988 was painful: a row with the orchestra's management which cast a shadow over the Concertgebouw's centenary concerts. Haitink only returned to conduct in Amsterdam again for the first time last year, and maintains a diplomatic silence over the deplorable deterioration in the Concertgebouw's sound under his successor, Riccardo Chailly.

This was, however, hardly his first encounter with the seamier side of musical politics. In the late Seventies the London Philharmonic began courting Solti while Haitink was still music director. Matters came to a head when the orchestra replaced Haitink's preferred oboist with Solti's. They might as well have declared war. An enraged Haitink informed the LPO of his resignation by the magnificently contemptuous act of pinning an announcement to a Glyndebourne noticeboard.

All of which, you might think, prepared him admirably for his Covent Garden years. Haitink turned down the music directorship twice before succumbing. "I was pessimistic — and I was right," he told *The Times* dourly in 1990, at the height of the disasters. "I always say that whenever you enter an opera house, some axe has fallen on your head within five minutes."

Axes fell by the dozen. Covent Garden's deficit grew mountainous; the Arts Council could not bail it out; a run of poor productions riled the critics; and ticket prices rose to stratospheric heights, much to Haitink's displeasure. "I hate this elitist label, but when we charge more than £100 a seat of course we cannot deny it."

The conductor made little attempt to hide his growing rift with Jeremy Isaacs, the new general director. The schism went public when the music director signed a petition of protest to his own general director about the dismissal of the Royal Opera's public relations man. W.S. Gilbert would have struggled to invent a more farcical tangle.

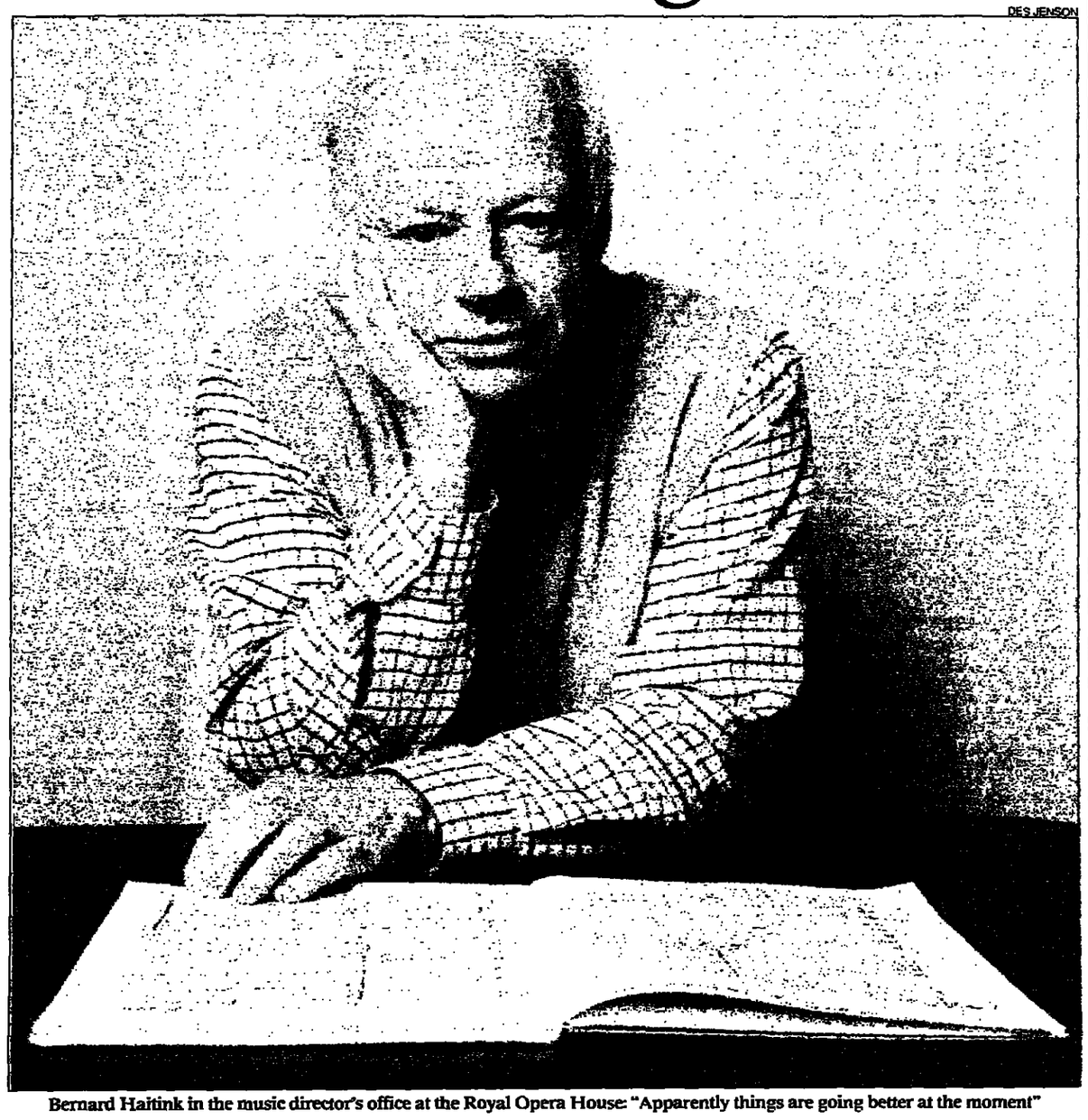
Even Haitink's pet project, *The Ring*, foundered initially. Yuri Lyubimov, the first-choice producer, staged a *Rhinegold* so disastrous that Haitink — dismayed by practically the first hostile reviews of his career — demanded Lyubimov's head on a platter. A Götz Friedrich production was "bought in", and this did finally bring Haitink his great musical triumph. In other productions, too, his conducting was hailed, even if all around him were being damned.

So is Haitink closer to achieving his vision of what the Royal Opera could be? "I really don't know," he says, wearily. "I often say that if you survive, this is already something." He searches for another cautious phrase. "Apparently things are going better at the moment."

That is true: Covent Garden has garnered more good reviews in the past 12 months than in the previous five years. Perhaps this is the reason why Haitink has agreed to extend his contract to 1997, the currently estimated date for the theatre to close for redevelopment. "By then I will have done ten years, which is enough time to be music director at Covent Garden — whatever music director means. What will happen to the company then I don't know. I have become immune to the word 'closure'. When I first started talking to Covent Garden in 1984, they said we would close in 1987."

Again the brow is furrowed. At such moments Haitink seems weighed down by all the woes of the musical world. Yet put him in front of 80 musicians, and this seemingly unshakeable depression magically becomes transformed into a colossal creative force. The mists of self-doubt clear completely: it is as if Haitink dons a shining mantle of conviction and intuition as soon as he steps on a podium. Every music-lover carries around mental "maps", however sketchy, of cherished pieces of music. For many, Haitink is simply the conductor who rewrites the maps most often and most convincingly. Long may he do so. At 65, a great conductor has hardly begun.

● Katya Kabanova *opens at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden (071-240 1911/1066) on March 4*



DES JENSON

Bernard Haitink in the music director's office at the Royal Opera House: "Apparently things are going better at the moment"

RADIO

Quality has one voice

'BBC English' still allows broadcasters to reach the widest audience, whatever the BBC might think

At the best fish and chip shop I know, I am served by a young woman who has a Chinese face and an Irish accent. Even in the most polyglot of Britain's communities, this would be an unusual conjunction: in rural Wiltshire, it is positively exotic.

The voice and the countenance of the provider do not in any way detract from the Britishness of the dish. Across the counter, there is a tacit acceptance on both our parts that whatever our backgrounds, we are sharing a British experience.

You may well think that to apply the same principle to broadcasting is ludicrous, and you would be right. Unfortunately some of the broadcasters do wish to apply it. They need to be stopped.

In broadcasting, the voice of the provider is everything, whereas in the provision of fish and chips the voice is peripheral. Yet within the British Broadcasting Corporation there are those who wish to convince us that the quality of spoken English no longer matters, that "BBC English" is an outdated concept, that we need more "regional accents".

I was born in Cornwall and brought up in Devon and it shows. Twenty-five years ago in Bristol (which to the national ear breeds accents similar to mine) I was voice tested by a BBC producer who said he would use me "at a pinch": my accent was against me. The producer has now retired, no doubt in the nick of time.

Liz Forgan, managing director of BBC Network Radio, is the most prominent of those BBC types who have toured the regions and found their voices wonderful: she has gone native. Ms Forgan and her ilk think that radio would be more accessible, by which she means more successful, if it spoke the way we speak.

Of course radio is enriched by accents, in plays, vox pops and numerous other contexts. But BBC English evolved because it could speak without prejudice or barrier to the maximum number of people, few of whom, to my knowledge, are marching towards the sound of gunfire chanting for Geordie newsreaders.

In fact anecdotal evidence suggests that people either find regional accents irritating, or do not especially care to have presenters speaking in the accents of the listeners' own region. The audience for LBC, the London talk station, seems not to care a jot that its successful early-morning programme is introduced by Mike Carlton (an Australian), nor that its award-winning late afternoon show is introduced by Angela Rippon (who comes from the same town as me but talks like a Horse of the Year Show commentator).

In Manchester at the weekend I heard the local news on commercial radio read in accentless English, ditto the presenter of a talk show at the other end of the M6 coming from BRMB, the Birmingham commercial station, and ditto, an hour south on the M5, the presenter of a current affairs show on BBC Radio Bristol. So if Ms Forgan wants more regional accents on BBC Radio, there is little sign that the regions think the same way.

The truth of the matter, I would suggest, is that listeners will absorb regional accents with the harshest edges honed away, but no amount of politically-correct blabber will convince them that information is more digestible if it is transmitted by someone who sounds as if he or she has walked in off the street.

In radio the provider is the product. The BBC risks dangerously diluting its inter-class appeal if it ceases to talk with the one voice that singles it out from others, not just here but across the world.

PETER BARNARD

THEATRE: Samuel Beckett's first novel on stage

Win or lose it's all the same

Endgame
BAC Studio 1

IN BECKETT'S first novel a schizophrenic patient in a mental hospital plays a game of chess with Murphy. The patient moves all his pieces and two of his pawns this way and that but contrives, after 43 moves, to return all his men (except for the pawns) to the squares where they began. Not a piece has been captured, despite increasingly desperate attempts on Murphy's part to lose one. Faced with this virtual return to the start of things, Murphy resigns, or in Beckett's word, "surrenders".

Completed a dozen years before he began writing for the theatre, this game harks forward to many elements to be found in the plays. The goading, the absence of traditional conflict, the gambits that lead nowhere, except back to the beginning. Beckett records the 43 moves and adds notes, in the manner of commentators. One such reads: "The primary cause of all White's subsequent difficulties." It refers to the opening move.

Another element in the game is the disconcerting combination of hilarity and despair, and the movement between these is what makes the most static and repetitious of his plays engrossing. In this revival of *Endgame* by a new touring company, Fair Play Theatre, the tyrannical Hamm is blind and paralysed on his throne-like chair. His aged parents live (if that's the word) in two dustbins and only his servant Clov retains the power to enter and leave the stage.

At the start of the play, with Hamm and the dustbins draped in cloths, Clov is waiting silently at one side. Ninety minutes later he is there again, dressed as if to leave his master, though we feel no certainty he will do so. The old mother appears to have died — that is one of the pieces captured — and Hamm is nearing the end of the lifelong story he has to tell, seemingly about how Clov entered his service umpteen years ago. Perhaps the game really is approaching the last of the "subsequent difficulties" that follow upon birth.

The art of successfully playing Beckett lies in fixing our attention on each moment as it comes. Credible details will make the whole grotesque edifice credible. So it is important that the old couple's faces should be, as here played by Brian Matthew and Pamela Wickington, babyish and troubled. Hamm could be squalidly dressed but the faded grandeur of John Quentin's dressing gown feels more appropriate; and its flesh-coloured brocade could not be improved upon, giving him the look of a bony Venetian doge. Quentin plays him like a desperate aesthete, wincing, precise, though some of the despairing cries are fuzzy.

As Clov, Peter Bourke's body does not look convincingly stricken by ailments but his mouth twists into a memorable silent laugh of horror. Alasdair Middleton's direction holds the bleak hilarity in good balance with the beloved gloom.

JEREMY KINGSTON



TRISTRAM KENTON

Dustbin dwellers: Pamela Wickington and Brian Matthew as the aged parents with an unusual lifestyle

OPERA: Garret-dwelling without tears

Painless Puccini

La Bohème
Sadler's Wells

THIS new *Bohème* is English Touring Opera's first attempt at Puccini. Hitherto they have tended to concentrate on Mozart and Rossini and chamber opera, with the occasional foray into Stravinsky and the lighter Verdi. But the box-office attractions of *Bohème* are not to be ignored, and sponsorship for the season by Barclays Bank has enabled ETO to engage a chorus of ten, to relieve pressure on the principals who in earlier seasons provided the chorus in the opera they were not appearing in. *Bohème* may be about young people, but it was not composed for young voices, who will need all the rest they can get in the 14 touring dates spread over the next three months.

But this is still a chamber *Bohème*: the orchestra of 29 is based on six first fiddles and double wind (no trombones). There are advantages, certainly under a conductor as sensitive as Martin André. The pacing is fleet but not unfeeling, the singers do not have to strain unduly, and the clear, near-Mozartian textures allow you to hear exactly how the score is put together. What is inevitably missing is the pain that a large orchestra in full cry carries in its wake.

And pain is what is also missing in Thomas de Mallet Burgess's peculiar production, whose intentions are hard to fathom. You have to admire the ingenuity of Martin Johns's box set, adaptable into the three specified locations while remaining tourable. But the garret looks strangely unlived-in (no beds visible) and comfy, suffused in warmth by Michael E. Hall's lighting. The Bohemians are plainly well-off, and there is no sign of the hardship that motivates the plot.

The action is updated to the Paris of the Second World War under German occupation, but nothing is made of this, and the ambience remains resolutely that of Evelyn Laye and Jack Buchanan rather than Arletty and Jean Gabin. It all sits uneasily atop Amanda Holden's new translation, which sticks to the 19th-century atmosphere of the original with occasional uncharacteristic lapses into translatorese. In a word, the pieces don't fit.

But the production is persuasively cast, with the more experienced singers naturally coping better with the general lack of direction. Christine Bunning's sizable soprano sees her easily through Mimi; it was unfortunate that neither costume, make-up nor lighting was used to make her look anything other than the very picture of robust health. What Adrian Clarke (Marcello) may lack in sheer Italianate "juice" he more than compensates for with clarity of projection and ease on stage. Geraint Dodd's sweet lyric tenor benefited most from André's consideration: the sound was beautiful, the top free and easy. He is not yet a natural creature of the stage, and could — should — have been helped with firmer direction.

Majella Cullagh's costumes made her Musetta look more Rubenesque than she is, but her voice is generously proportioned, and Jonathan May's Colline was musically sung and nicely thoughtful. Meurig Davies, as is the custom now, played an epicine Schaunard. But I wish I knew what this painless production, which left not a damp eye in the house, was all about.

RODNEY MILNES

POP: Chart-toppers and a fine support act

A D:Ream ticket

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MARTIN CUNNAH is a happy man these days, as might be anyone whose band has just spent a month on top of Britain's singles chart. The Derry-born singer and writer deserves his success furthermore. He has been dextrous enough to fashion a form of pop music equally palatable to daytime radio listeners, teeny fans and the many and various sub-species of clubber, and is lucky to have a natural style that flatters each section of so potentially wide an audience. And if that weren't enough, he has the good taste to invite Redcar exiles the Tyrrel Corporation to accompany him on the tour which ended in this concrete bunker beneath the Ladbroke Grove section of the Westway late on Friday night.

Tony Barry and Joe Watson, who form the core of his support act, showed a facility for creating social realism to be danced to on their rich and vivid debut album, 1992's *North-East of Eden*. Here, undeterred by a stage not much wider than the average window ledge, they revisited two of its sharpest moments, "The Bottle" and "Six O'Clock", before offering a taste of what is to come on a follow-up LP, planned for summer release.

Headliners D:Ream, meanwhile, start from a similarly unromantic point of view then shoot off in the opposite direction: as their No 1 put it so cynically, "Things Can Only Get Better". Cunnah, like the peroxide-cropped Watson, is a natural performer, but in a very different way. Suited in trademark garish checks, dancing across the stage as if born to the spotlight, he exuded a surface confidence and charm that perfectly complemented the anthemic nature of the tracks "Unforgiven" and "I Like It". He is a bona fide star, the first to emerge here so far this year, and has yet to become self-conscious about his gifts. His swagger, Watson's self-doubting intensity — both stirring approaches to pop music despite the disparate styles.

ALAN JACKSON

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

MICHAEL NYMAN A special 50th birthday celebration concert for one of today's most highly acclaimed composers and his band. The programme opens with the London premiere of *The Fall of Icarus*, continues with his tribute to football, *The Final Score*, and closes with the UK concert premiere of music for *The Piano*. **Barbican**, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm.

OTHELLO Julie-Anne Robinson's modern production for Birmingham's **Custard Factory Theatre Company** concentrates on the theme of appearance and reality. With an original vocal score of gospel music. **Watermans Arts Centre**, 40 High Street, Brentford (081-568 1176). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm. Opens Friday, until March 12.

SWEET CHARITY Opening night for Phil Willmott's transfer after its sell-out run at the Man in the Moon. Charlotte Bellamy appears in the title role. **BAC**, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). Tonight, 8pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm; Sun 6pm. Until March 20.

THE THREE LIVES OF LUCIE CABROL Completely's profoundly moving staging of John Berger's tale of an Alpine woman loving and enduring all.

ELSEWHERE

BRISTOL. Last week of performances for the Old Vic's first play of the spring season, John Webster's Jacobean-era thriller **The Duchess of Malfi**. **Theatre Royal**, King Street (0272 250250). Tonight, 7.30pm. Thurs-Sat, 8pm.

CARDIFF. Clarinettist **Emma Johnson** gives a recital with Gordon Back as part of *St David's International Concert* season. The varied programme includes works from Beethoven, Brahms, Poulenc, Gershwin and Gampell. **St David's Hall**, The Hayes (0222 371236). Tonight, 7.30pm.

LOUGHBOROUGH Dr Evadne and Dame Hilda celebrate 21 years as **Hinge & Bracket** with a 30-date tour between now and July. The familiar delights of musical revere and tart gossip. **Charnwood**, Town Hall, Market Square (0509-231914). Tonight, 7.30 pm.

MANCHESTER Northern Lights the city's celebration of its own rich musical culture enters its final full week. The real highlight among the varied programmes of contemporary music by composers with Manchester connections is a performance tonight by the BBC Philharmonic of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies's 1979 opera *The Lighthouse*. The composer himself conducts. **Royal Northern College of Music**, Oxford Road (061-273 4504). Tonight, 7.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican All Human Life: Hutton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141). **British Museum** Himalayan and Japanese Art from the Schmitt-Meade Collection (071-636 1555). **National Portrait Gallery** Holbein and the Court of Henry VIII (071-306 0055). **National Gallery** Claude, the Poetic Landscape (071-839 3321). **Royal Academy of Arts** Art of the Ancient World: The Unknown Modigliani (071-439 7438). **Serpentine** Wall to Wall (071-402 6075). . **Tate** Picasso, Writing on the Wall: women artists (071-887 8008). **V & A** Fabergé: The Golden Age 1730-1760: brass inlaid furniture (071-938 8500).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
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☐ **THE ABSENCE OF WAR** John Thaw stars in David Hare's study of the Labour Party. Brilliant necessary or unfair, depending on your point of view. **National** (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Feb 26, 7.15pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm.

◪ **AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY** Felicity Kendal plays a harassed wife and Griff Rhys Jones a frantic bachelor, in Peter Hall's most enjoyable production of Feydeau's *Le Dindon*. **Globe**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **APRIL IN PARIS** Gary Olsen and Maria Friedman in John Godber's simplistic play about the benefits of travel. **Ambassadors**, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm and Sun 4pm.

☐ **BAD COMPANY** Latest play by Simon Bent, author of *Wasted*, set in a Northern seaside resort where a group of twentysomethings are tumbling their way towards love and loyalty. **Bush**, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

◪ **JANE EYRE** Alexandra Mathie and Tim Pigott-Smith do their best in Fay Weldon's puzzling version of the well-known melodrama. **Playhouse**, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat 3pm.

☐ **KIT AND THE WIDOW: JANUARY SALE** Suave and singing, the musical satirists pass comment on the social scene with their familiar skill. **Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm; Sat 6pm and 8.30pm.

■ **THE KITCHEN** Stephen Daldry's in-the-round Wesker. The stalls will not be in use, there is seating on the stage at Dress Circle level, and a kitchen on scaffolding in between, with 30 chefs rushing manically about.

■ **TRAVESTIES** Final performances for Tom Stoppard's dazzling word-spinner, revived with Antony Sher as the aged consul. Adrian Noble directs. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm, tomorrow, 2pm and 7.15pm.

☐ **WILD THINGS** Anna Reynolds play, described as a snapshot of life at a psychiatric hospital but poorly focussed when at its Salisbury Playhouse premiere last autumn. **Warehouse**, Dingwall Road, East Croydon (081-680 4060). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8 pm, mat Sun, 5 pm. Until March 20.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044). ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). ☐ **Carousel**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399). ■ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072). ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8351). ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070). ■ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045). ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-580 8845). ◪ **Hot Stuff**: Cambridge, closing this Sat (071-494 5040). ◪ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404). ■ **Medea**: Wyndham's, closing this Sat (071-867 1116). ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909). ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400). ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443). ☐ **Oleanna**: Duke of York's (071-836 5122). ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400). ☐ **Relative Values**: Savoy (071-836 8888). ◪ **She Stoops to Conquer**: Queens (071-494 5041). ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665). ☐ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055). ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119). ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **A BRONX TALE** (18). Potent yarn of father, son and neighbourhood wiseguys, from Chazz Palminteri's one-man show. A strong directing debut by Robert De Niro. **MGMs: Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148). **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666). **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098). **West End** (0426-915 574). **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303).

LA CRISE (15). Misfortunes rain down on the French bourgeoisie. Attractive social comedy from Coline Serreau with Vincent Lindon and Patrick Timsit. **Everyman** (071-435 1525). **Gate** (071-727 4043). **Odeon Haymarket** (0426-915 353).

FLIGHT OF THE INNOCENT (18). Italian urchin flees family tragedy. A good subject let down by vulgar images. Director: Carlo Carlei. **Metro** (071-437 0757).

SCHINDLER'S LIST (15). German businessman (Liam Neeson) saves his Jewish workers from the camps. Impressive, grown-up epic from Steven Spielberg, co-stars Ralph Fiennes and Ben Kingsley. **Empire** (0800-888 911). **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772). **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636). **Trocadero** (071-434 0031). **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366). **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CURRENT

THE AGE OF INNOCENCE (U). Scorsese's spellbinding, heartfelt version of Edith Wharton's novel about stifled love in old New York. With Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer and Winona Ryder. **Barbican** (071-638 8891). **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443). **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096). **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666). **Leicester Square** (0426 915683). **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098). **West End** (0426-915 574). **Screen/Baker** (071-935 2772). **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520). **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303). **Warner** (071-439 4343).

◆ **MANHATTAN MURDER MYSTERY** (PG). Woody Allen and Diane Keaton hum amateur sleuths. Benign, frivolous comedy with Alan Alda and Anjelica Huston. **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096). **Haymarket** (071-839 1527). **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310). **Minema** (071-235 4225). **Odeons: Mezzanine** (0426 915683). **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098).

◆ **MRS DOUBTFIRE** (12). Indulgent, crude and funny vehicle for Robin Williams. With Sally Field, Pierce Brosnan and Harvey Fierstein. Chris Columbus directs. **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096). **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310). **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705). **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666). **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098). **West End** (0426-915 574). **Screen/Baker** (071-935 2772). **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **THE REMAINS OF THE DAY** (U). Life and lost chances of an English butler. Merchant Ivory's immaculate if chilly account of Kazuo Ishiguro's novel stars Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson. **Barbican** (071-638 8891). **Curzons: Mayfair** (071-465 8865). **West End** (071-439 4805). **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666). **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057).

SURVIVING DESIRE: Three elegant, crisp and airless short films from American independent Hal Hartley. **Metro** (071-437 0757).

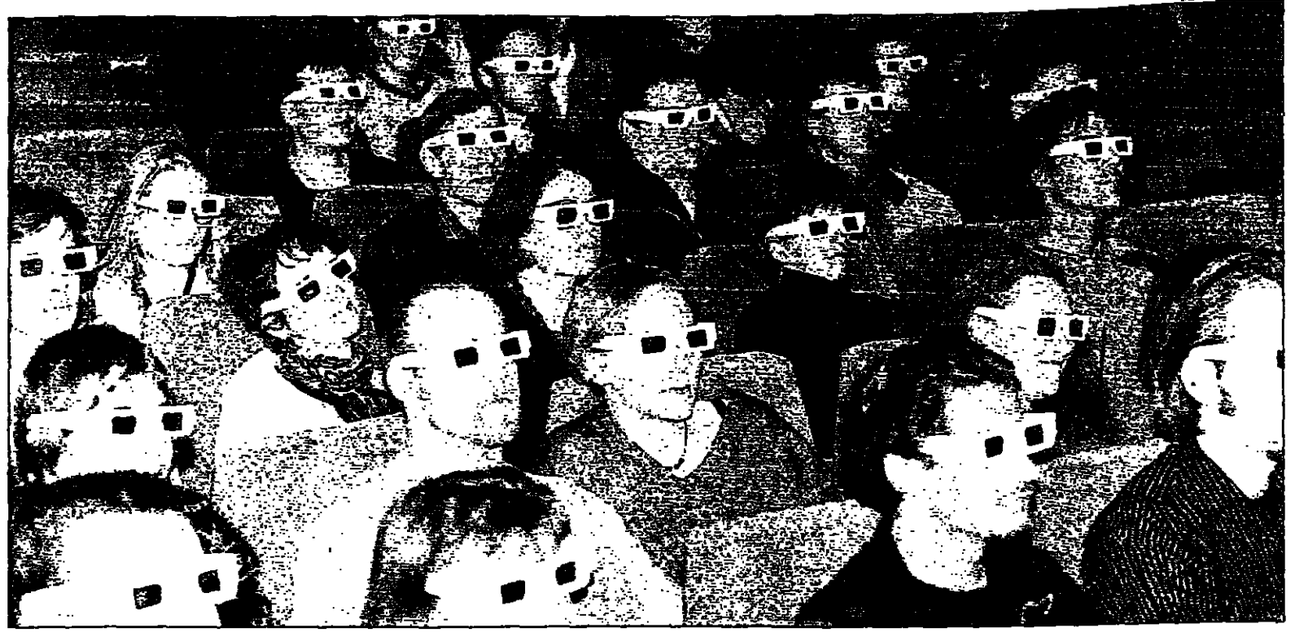
◆ **THE THREE MUSKETEERS** (PG). Noisy, youthful and empty new version of Dumas's tale from Stephen Herek, with Kiefer Sutherland, Charlie Sheen, Chris O'Donnell, Tim Curry and Rebecca De Mornay. **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096). **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310). **Trocadero** (071-434 0031). **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666). **Marble Arch** (0426 914501). **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098). **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332). **Warner** (071-439 4343).

◆ **WAYNE'S WORLD 2** (PG). The dude duo mount a rock concert. Silly but sweet comedy sequel, with Mike Myers and Dana Carvey. Director: Stephen Surjik. **Empire** (0800 888911). **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772). **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636). **Trocadero** (071-434 0031). **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CINEMA: **Stephanie Billen** samples a night of Fifties nostalgia in Leicester Square

We never had it so good

JULIAN HERBERT



An appreciative West End audience dons 3-D specs for Jack Arnold's seminal 1954 monster picture, *The Creature from the Black Lagoon*

They came from Outer Space. Or was it the Senior Prom? All one could really say about the bobby-socked, monochrome freaks prowling about London's Prince Charles Cinema last Saturday was that they came, most certainly, from the Fifties.

The Scene Stealers, as the quartet are known, were just a part of the cinema's unconventional "Night of the Rock 'n' Roll Alien Delinquents". From 7pm until 11pm, an appreciative West End audience put on 3-D specs for a screening of *The Creature from the Black Lagoon*, whistled at the pneumatic Jayne Mansfield in *The Girl Can't Help It*, and cheered as the Scene Stealers gave their own garish impersonations of B-movie trailers. Add to that a Pathé newsreel from 1954, rock 'n' roll dancers, genuine film trailers and a string of wonderfully naive 1950s advertisements, and the scene was set for a very different night out in Leicester Square.

The evening began as 1955 BBC Continuity Announcer of the Year, one Mr Jivin' James Farquharson-Smythe, welcomed his captive "cats and kittens" to a night of "far-out daddio" entertainment. Moments later, the screen was imploring us to "squirm, marvel and thrill" at the prospect of forthcoming attractions such as *From Hell it Came*, *The Screaming Skull* and a wonderfully tacky precursor to *Land of the Giants* called *Attack of the Puppet People* — on an awesome double-bill with *War of the Colossal Beast*. Juxtaposed with these sci-fi shockers were previews for jiving jollities such as *Don't Knock the Rock*; *Let's Rock*: and *Shake, Rattle and Rock* — who said movie titles had to be original?



But the 1954 Pathé review of the year seemed to be veering back into the unreal as the Queen. Billy Graham, the hydrogen bomb and Graham Sutherland's pug-like portrait of Sir Winston Churchill shared the relentlessly upbeat headlines.

Then came the part for which we had all been waiting. It was billed in the programme as "looking complete prats in ill-fitting paper specs that probably don't even work anyway". Surprisingly, they worked rather well. Jack Arnold's seminal 1954 monster picture, *The Creature from the Black Lagoon*, said to have inspired Spielberg's *Jaws*, delivered genuine shocks as a fossilised hand reached out over the audience and underwater harpoons travelled straight at us. My partner, meanwhile, enjoyed the 3-D effect of heroine Julie Adams in her pointy swimsuit.

Curiously, the monstrous Gill Man never really projected itself, seemingly content to stay in the film's nether regions, swimming sexily beside Julie Adams, or making desultory grabs at divers' ankles. Still, the rubbery amphibi-man proved scary enough to spawn a sequel, *Revenge of the Creature*, and is set to re-emerge in a new movie to be directed by John Carpenter.

With something verging on a headache — the combined effect of green and red vision and strawberry wine, the interval's idea of alcohol — this intrepid reporter braved the stage to take part in an impromptu rock 'n' roll lesson. Shake! Rattle! Rock! You name it, I tried to do it. As the audience became friskier, sporadic singing set in. A string of advertisements introduced us to Bird's custard — "it's cream smooth", we warbled — and, the "big food news, Sunny Snacks". Our 1990s sensibilities only became a problem when we hissed at the Maxwell House advertisement, where coffee is served up to white folk by a smiling black lackey, or winced at the Instant Whip epic in which "the most delicious creamy sweet you've ever tasted" is rustled up by wifey while "your daughter is laying the table".

After a lively preview of *Dragstrip Delinquents from the Planet Doom* from the Scene Stealers, by now dripping grey sweat, Farquharson-Smythe prompted a "miaou" from the "cats and kittens" as we geared up for *The Girl Can't Help It* (1956), delivered in CinemaScope and "gorgeous life-like colour". No need for 3-D glasses here: we re-discovered the impossible hour-glass that was Jayne Mansfield in a really-not-that-bad rock 'n' roll movie.

Irritatingly, though, Mansfield's bimbo character seemed to have been indoctrinated by the Instant Whip work ethic. All she wanted to do was lay the table and cook Thanksgiving meals for her frustrated showbiz agent, Tom Ewell. Luckily, Ewell and gangster Edmond O'Brien persuade her to become a rock 'n' roll star, though the best music in the film comes from legends including Little Richard, Fats Domino, the Platters and Gene Vincent. Considering her role in the film — at one point director Frank Tashlin had her holding up milk bottles in front of her breasts — Mansfield emerged triumphant, her knowing sense of humour winning the day. It is odd to think how this stunningly beautiful actress was subsequently wasted by Hollywood in unremarkable features.

The show was over, but for organisers Ross Smith and John Abbott, the show must go on. They have lofty ambitions to take the entire evening, kicking, screaming and jiving, to cinemas around the country.

JAZZ: A lesson in down-home singing from America

Roller-coaster survivor

Ruth Brown
Ronnie Scott's

THE blues event of last year, without a doubt, was the long-overdue visit of the singer-pianist Charles Brown. If the London debut of his occasional singing partner Ruth Brown did not quite fall into that exalted category, it still supplied an invigorating lesson in the art of feisty, down-home singing.

Once a cornerstone of the Atlantic label and a favourite with audiences at Harlem's Apollo Theatre, Brown has had a roller-coaster of a career. She survived a serious car crash in her twenties, disappeared from view in middle age and then returned in glory to pick up a Tony Award for her role in the Broadway show *Black and Blue*.

There soon followed a Grammy for the punchy studio album *Blues on Broadway*. Recently inducted into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame, Brown is clearly relishing her return to the limelight. While her voice is coarser than of old, and her sense of pitch often strays off-centre, she knows how to dominate a room.

She received ample support and encouragement from her band, led from the Hammond B-3 by Bobby Forrester, her musical director of many years. With the organ grinding out swirling figures in the background, drummer Clarence Bean laid down an economical pulse for the supple guitarist Ed Cherry. Gliding above the Hammond maelstrom was the twin-saxophone line-up of tenor player Robert Kenmotsu and altoist C.I. Williams. Kenmotsu, in particular, cut loose on the two opening instrumentals, moaning and wailing in the manner of a youthful Stanley Turrentine.

Aside from an incongruous supper-club reading of Eric Clapton's "Tears in Heaven", Brown confined herself to a traditional repertoire, interspersed with bouts of extended rapping. The more introverted and confessional material suited her best, the songs transformed into chapters from an autobiography. "Just ask me, I've been there," she whispered at the end of "Nobody Knows You When You're Down And Out". We believed her. Billie Holiday's world-weary "Fine and Mellow" came with the same personal signature.

There was no chance that Brown would wallow in misfortune, however. Before the close she had switched to the burlesque mood of *Black and Blue* and rattled off the salty doubles-entendres in "If I Can't Sell It, I'll Keep Sittin' On It".

CLIVE DAVIS

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The world according to Tharp

On the eve of a rare London season, the American choreographer Twyla Tharp talks to **Allen Robertson** about the business of making popular dance

Her frequent-flyer miles add up to the equivalent of a journey six times around the globe, yet she hates to fly. Consequently, all her European contracts stipulate travel by Concorde. But that is only one of the reasons why Twyla Tharp is probably the most expensive choreographer in history.

The cost of commissioning her to create a new ballet will not leave any company with much change out of £100,000. But, even at that sort of price, America's most innovative dancemaker gets more requests than she can possibly handle.

Dance companies compete for Tharp's expertise because her dynamic, individualistic approach is not only a creative challenge to dancers, but also so popular at the box office that it usually pays for itself. Her two-week season at London's Riverside Studios, which opens on Tuesday, is a joint venture with Tharp and Riverside sharing risks and dividing profits. With only 400 seats available each night it is little wonder that the tickets — top price £30 — are on the same scale as a West End musical.

"I refuse in *any way* to be made to sense any kind of reprehensibility about the fees that I ask for the work I do," she says. "It is not only what I think my work is worth, it is what I think *dance* is worth."

Now 52, Tharp has been at the top of her profession since 1973, when she turned to songs by the Beach Boys for the ebullient and carefree *Deuce Coupe*. Created for the New York-based Joffrey Ballet, it was her first encounter with classical dancers. Since then she has done more to rejuvenate ballet than any other choreographer working today.

Her iconoclastic style, fast, free and flexible, is packed with physical comedy and sassy bravado. Her virtuosity is coupled with an audacity of movement invention, particularly in duets. Many of the seven dances her group will be performing at Riverside next week, such as *Nine Sinatra Songs* and the sensuous Latino romp *Sextet*, revel in tricky lifts, intricate footwork and deliriously speedy partnering. But, more importantly, they are celebrations of the joy of being alive. Tharp's dances welcome and embrace audiences rather than intimidate them and crowds around the world respond with stamping, cheering, standing ovations.



> If dance treated itself more seriously it would be healthier

TWYLA THARP

Tharp last got London audiences to their feet in 1983. Her company's lengthy British exile was never intended. Theatres such as Sadler's Wells and organisations like Dance Umbrella have repeatedly tried to arrange return visits, but in the end British promoters do not have the same purchasing power as their Continental counterparts.

Tharp says she never had any personal negotiations with the Royal Ballet. However, there was protracted bargaining with Rambert Dance Company during the years when Richard Alston was its artistic director; although he desperately wanted to have some of Tharp's works in the Rambert repertoire, his budget would not stretch to it.

"Look", Tharp snaps, "my thing about dollars is this: *if* the dance world treated itself more seriously and choreographers asked for what they believed they were worth, then dance would be much healthier, both emotionally and financially.

"If that happened, dance might be able to help support itself a little bit. Dancers would not be at the bottom of the heap and choreographers would not be even further down than that. Then dance might be able to help itself to grow; and, indeed, might be able to say to a mother: 'Look, your son can earn a living here. Don't send him to tennis camp, send him to dancing school.' I can't honourably say that to a mother now."

Fortunately the mothers of Tharp's present crop of 14 dancers, including the veteran Jamie Bishton, didn't ask. Still only in his early thirties, Bishton is the longest-standing member of this current tour group, which will officially disband after the London season. Bishton will be dancing the scorching yet comedic "That's Life", the penultimate of the nine Sinatra songs. Most of the other songs are love duets with the couples decked out in glamorous Oscar de la Renta evening wear. But, in this one, an apache dance for a high society duo, Bishton ditches his tux, undoes his bow tie and pops a stick of chewing gum in his mouth.

The reason the group will be splitting up after London is that Tharp no longer runs a full-time company. Instead she prefers working on a project-by-project basis. "Having a company is not necessarily synonymous with dancing, which for me has always been more important," she says.

"Literally from the very beginning, from 1966, I didn't think about us being a company. We just worked on what we were doing at that time. Then we would stop, reevaluate, reassess and go on if it was appropriate. The business of supporting and sustaining a permanent company is bureaucratic. The business of making dances is artistic."

Making dances is her consuming passion. Over the years she's worked on stage and television, on Broadway, done feature films (*Hair*, *Amadeus*) and documentaries. There is hardly a branch of the dance world, including autobiography, that she hasn't met and conquered.

The autobiography didn't start out that way. Several writers had worked on her story over the years, with Tharp doing no more than providing a running commentary printed in the margins. But when the manuscript was submitted to Doubleday, Jacqueline Onassis, her editor, told Tharp: "If you can write yourself, you should."

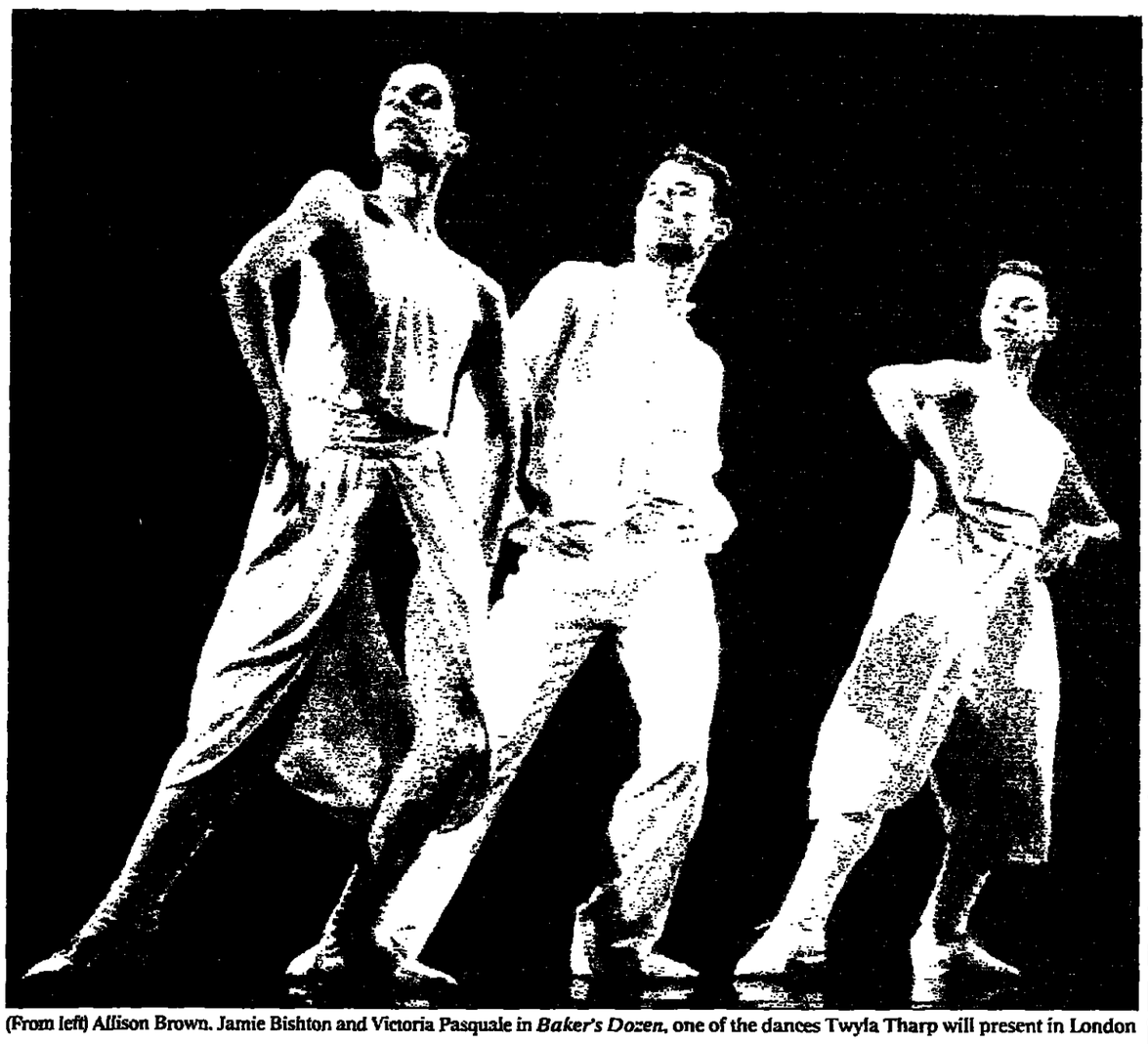
The phrase "If you can . . ." is to Tharp like a red rag to a bull. Less than a year later she handed Onassis one of the punchiest dance stories ever told. Filled with intelligence, determination and drive, it balances humour with a work ethic that makes the strictest puritan look like a lolling holidaymaker. Called *Push Comes to Shove*, it is named after the ballet that introduced Mikhail Baryshnikov to American choreography in 1976.

Tharp took the Russian defector and turned him into an impish, brash and flirtatious rogue. Audiences loved it. Clearly, Baryshnikov did too. Over the years she made a succession of ballets for him, including duets the two of them performed together.

As in *Push*, Baryshnikov sometimes appeared to be a stand-in for Tharp, a surrogate performer doing the dancing she was too busy to do herself. " 'Surrogate' is not quite fair," she says, "but, yes, we are very similar, as well as being very different dancers. Obviously he's a man, that's different. He's from Russia, that's very different. And he had a superb, consistent classical technique. I, on the other hand, had a not superb and very erratic classical technique."

Erratic, maybe. Enjoyable, always. Next year will mark Tharp's thirtieth anniversary as a dancemaker and plans are already underway for "a big, big-deal tour". If her company's current London season is as triumphant as the one a decade ago, maybe we will be lucky enough to get a look in on her birthday celebrations.

● *Twyla Tharp Dance, Riverside Studios, London W6 (081-748 3354) from Tuesday to March 12*



(From left) Allison Brown, Jamie Bishton and Victoria Pasquale in *Baker's Dozen*, one of the dances Twyla Tharp will present in London

DANCE REVIE

Mixed bag of tricks

Spring Loaded
The Place

DIVERSITY is one of the attrib we are supposed to prize in d nowadays, according to Arts C cil precepts, and by that crite John Ashford's annual Sp Loaded season has got off to a start. Personally, I could have with less variety and more qua but with 12 weeks in all Ash has time to get into his stride.

Looking back at the four grammes of the first week, company that springs most vi to memory is **Li La Dance Thea** partly because what they did so weird. In *The Perfect* \ Jonathan Stigwood manoeuvr cast of 11 in a series of continu recurring signature moveme Not exactly my idea of perfect but the comings and goings, tog er with their twitching, leer glaring, sitting, face-pulling, an on enabled some performers manifestly limited range to w side by side with the more su inflections of the delectable Tam Hickling, known from Lon Contemporary Dance Theatre.

Ben Craft and Gary Lambert **Small Axe**, provided more flu controlled, structured choreog phy in *Cold Ground Drift* They, Cathrine Price and Tris Borrer performed its broodi reflective patterns admirably. I the good constituents of the w did not add up to a satisfyi whole: no overriding imaginat or purpose hooked them.

You can say that again, w knobs on, for **Jeremy James, Chandler and Company**. Jan and Chandler each choreograph two short pieces, plus one jo effort. But all we got was the sa movement clichés coming up o and over. The evening's one bri feature was the radiant dancing Catherine Quinn, still gloriou sinuous and assured even thou very visibly pregnant.

Qi Affinities was first a nounced as a collaboration b tween two Eastern traditions: N dance from Naohiko Umewak and Suraya Hilal's Raqs Sharl However, Umewaka switched to former ballet dancer and actre Sorkina Tate, so East met West, b to no great effect. All the choreogr phy was Umewaka's, including dreadful sketch for Tate as tottering drunk, and a curio version of *L'Après-midi d'un fau* in which he soon dropped t animal qualities of his striking fir pose, and she was his drea woman teetering about on points

JOHN PERCIVA

CONCERTS: An essay in time and space; mysticism comes down to earth

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Other worlds and nether regions

FOR a long time the composer George Benjamin has been busy with experiments in time, investigating the possibilities of differing time scales, time warps and time zones all within one composition. Last summer much of his thinking and hearing came together in a 15-minute work for large orchestra called *Sudden Time*. A welcome repeat performance by the London Philharmonic on Sunday established the work as a technical and imaginative tour de force.

Benjamin's descriptions of his own works are as clear-thinking and precisely evocative as the music itself, and it would be folly to try to do better. So, in the composer's own words, what happens is that "the pulse itself on which the music is based warps and splits apart and, in so doing, stratifies the harmony". The listener soon realises that the orchestral textures are spreading themselves through several different time and harmonic zones at once.

This, of course, makes for the work's more "difficult" moments: there is so much to entice the ear that it is best just to surrender to the states of mind and mysteries that Benjamin's abstract can conjure up, especially in a performance as secure and sensitive as the one he conducted himself.

Suddenly, a regular pulse will be set up as the diverse activities coalesce, and the ear feels secure once more. Strange, hung stillnesses occur too, like the singing of an electric pylon; and sweet solos.

After the interval, Franz Welser-Möst conducted a fast performance of Brahms's *German Requiem*. Here time itself was at a premium. The pace was refreshing: air was light and clear in the amiable tabernacles, things were changed, quite literally, in the twinkling of an eye, and the cumulative questions hurled at death made for a highly charged climax. Both Felicity Lott and Thomas Hampson seemed at ease, eloquent in the flow of their solos.

Such brisk pacing, though, demands a more careful selection of orchestral textures and sharper definition in the choral singing than this performance could offer. If the London Philharmonic Choir would only tighten and tauten the vowels and consonants of their German, the word "Selig" would sound rather more like a state of blessedness and less like a Woody Allen film.

HILARY FINCH

Martyre de St Sebastien
St John's

THE Italian poet Gabriele d'Annunzio knew a thing or two about decadence. He was said to blend his own scents, of which he applied over a pint a day. His horses slept on Persian rugs. For his collaboration with Debussy, the martyrdom of St Sebastian provided the perfect theme: exquisite ecstasy, narcissism and masochism combine in this treatment of the legend with an abandon that makes Parsifal look like a pathologist's report by comparison (which in a sense it is).

The first performance of this extraordinary work — combining orchestral and choral music, dance, speech, mime, and extravagant costumes and scenery — took more than five hours. It was not an unmitigated success and has never caught on. But there is some remarkable music here, which is at last getting the occasional airing. Sometimes it is heard in the form of André Caplet's orchestral suite, and sometimes with extracts from d'Annunzio's text linking the numbers of Debussy's score.

For this performance by actors and singers from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, with the City University Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Choir under Cem Mansur, brief extracts from the play, translated by Andrea Musk and Richard Langham Smith, were juxtaposed with the musical items in such a way as to give at least a flavour of the original conception. As such, it was a worthy enterprise, for the translations captured the resonance and high-flown quality of the original, just as Debussy's score was faithful to the scented mysticism of the text.

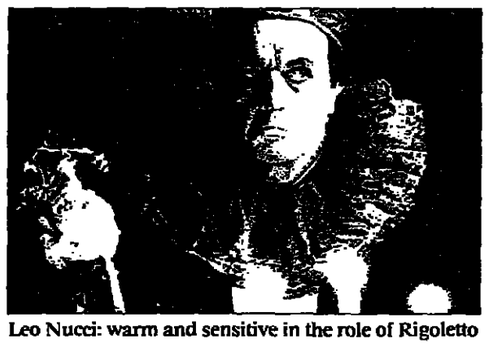
The actors, from the drama department of the GSMD, were not always successful in pitching the elevated rhetoric of the text, although they were impeded by being obliged to project from a tiny space at the rear of a crowded stage. The solo singers (five members of the school's opera course) were satisfactory, more so than the chorus, which sounded rough (and, in the case of the sopranos, unbalanced by an excessively dominating voice).

Getting his forces to play and sing the notes of this complex score seemed to occupy the conductor's full attention, for there was little sense of its rarefied, heady quality. We could have done with a pint or two more of d'Annunzio's home brew.

BARRY MILLINGTON

A greenhorn's view of Verdi

One of the prizes auctioned in the BBC's "Children in Need" appeal last autumn was the opportunity to "be a Times critic for a night". TERRY PRICE, an accounts manager in the fragrance industry, won the auction, and last Saturday he attended the Royal Opera's* Rigoletto. *Here is his review



Leo Nucci: warm and sensitive in the role of Rigoletto

I have sometimes wondered what art-form helped homo sapiens to overcome its Darwinian origins. Was it music, the visual arts or the written word? The Royal Opera House production of *Rigoletto* stunningly drew from the visual arts and music to create a wonderful banquet of sight and sound for the first-night audience last Saturday evening.

The dramatic impact and atmosphere created by Ezio Frigerio and Bruno Boyer by the use of light, shadows and dark was reminiscent of the chiaroscuro used by such painters as Rembrandt and Caravaggio, and particularly called to mind Van Gogh's *The Potato Eaters*. Certainly the ambience at the beginning of the second scene in Act I, where Rigoletto meets the hired assassin Sparafucile, must have chilled the blood of everyone present.

The British debut of Simone Young, who conducted the orchestra with verve and style, was particularly notable and her enthusiasm and technique were refreshing. Question: if the orchestral conductor, being a woman, wears a trouser suit, does she bow or curtsy?

The foot soldiers of the production, the Royal Opera Chorus, ably directed by Terry Edwards, were in fine voice and gave substance and impact to the performance. Their movement on stage was precise, they possessed a poise and professionalism that reflected well on the choreographer, Romayne Grigorova.

As this was my first visit to Covent Garden, perhaps I can make a few observations on the Opera House itself. The staff were kind and courteous, particularly a barman called Bill who has 15 years' service with the company. Visiting the lavatory, I can well understand that the Royal Opera House needs to bring facilities up-to-date. The facility I attended was reminiscent in design of the loos in a Victorian workhouse, and an air-freshening system would make a distinct improvement. And oh, the incongruity of the clock above the entrance to the orchestra stalls: it would not have looked out of place in the headteacher's study at a Basingstoke school.

Where have all the British gone? Not to the opera everyone — at least not, it seemed, on this first night of *Rigoletto*. The audience was international and appeared to be drawn from a narrow social class.

Could it be to do with the ticket prices? While I applaud the mission of the management to increase the accessibility of the Royal Opera for people on low incomes, I have to wonder if an unemployed person, say in Liverpool, could even afford the cost of travelling to London, yet alone the "reduced" seat prices. Why not rather take the Royal Opera on tour to the provinces and then offer concessionary rates to the unemployed?

Given that our present political rulers have done much to bring about the current levels of unemployment, then a subsidy to the Royal Opera to tour outside London would help to alleviate the misery and suffering that is a consequence of being unemployed.

So to the singing. Absolutely magnificent; the tenor voice of Francisco Araiza, who played the Duke of Mantua, had all the richness and warmth of the Mediterranean sun. By contrast the singing of Gilda possessed the clarity and sharpness of a Siberian winter's day. A stunning Royal Opera debut by the young Korean, Young-Ok Shin.

And Rigoletto himself? Truly a fool for not distinguishing between possessiveness and love. The role was splendidly sung by Leo Nucci, who interpreted his part with warmth, sensitivity and feeling.

I made reference earlier to the technique used by the set and lighting designers and I carried away from Covent Garden the memory of the duet scene between Rigoletto and Gilda, where she requests her freedom, and also the storm scene near the end of the opera where the devotion of Gilda makes her commit the supreme sacrifice for the person she loves.

The drama of Rigoletto hearing the distant voice of the duke singing "La Donna e mobile" and discovering his dying daughter was particularly powerful and poignant.

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There will be two separate programmes. The first of these is *Sextet*, *Baker's Dozen* and *In the Upper Room*. The second programme is *Octet*, *Bruhms*, *Paghini*, *As Time Goes By* and *Nine Sinatra Songs*. The tickets are normally £25, but for the performances on March 1 and 2 club members will pay only £20. There is a limited allocation so telephone 081-748 3354 to book as soon as possible. For information on how to join the club telephone 071-387 9673.

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Angela Mortimer

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Injuries play key role as England manoeuvre

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHILE there was little likelihood of a significant departure from the existing rugby union squad, England left room for manoeuvre yesterday when naming 25 players to prepare for the five nations' championship match with France in Paris on March 5. However, those manoeuvres may yet be reduced if injuries prevent the selection of Ben Clarke and Dean Richards.

They, together with Nigel Redman and Ian Hunter, were added to the match squad of 21 which participated in the disappointing 13-12 defeat against Ireland last weekend. But Clarke, prevented from playing by an elbow injury, is already definitely out of Bath's cup-tie with Saracens on Saturday, while Richards's participation for Leicester against Moseley is in doubt.

Should both back-row men be passed fit for selection, in their own estimation and that of the England medical staff, they will surely play at the expense of Steve Ojomoh and Neil Back. There is a strong case, too, for restoring Dewi Morris to the place at scrum half that he lost only through illness last November, which would introduce a level of experience rather too hurriedly cast aside before the game with Scotland.

Whether Redman or Hunter is called up is more problematical: Martin Johnson was one of the few to come through the Irish game with reputation unscathed but the sheer physical dimensions in the second row of the 6ft 10in Martin Bayfield are a great temptation to selectors looking at the threat posed by Olivier Roumat, the France captain.

Hunter, with a strike record of three tries from three internationals, would be a convincing alternative on the wing were it not for the fact that he has had so few solid games for Northampton this season. "I'm fit, I want to play for England and I feel I should be given my chance," Hunter said yesterday. "I would rather play full back but they seem to see me as a wing."

Little time has been lost in restoring David Pears to the England A squad: the Harlequins full back has played only one competitive game this season but is now in contention for the A international with France (also on March 5, at the Jean Bouin Stadium in Paris), alongside Jez Harris, the Leicester stand-off half, whose rise and rise continues, Steve Bates, the experienced Wasps scrum half, and Chris Sheasby, the Harlequins flanker now recovered from concussion.

The French are unlikely to produce significant change, despite their 24-15 defeat by Wales. Louis Armary, the loose-head prop, will miss the match with a leg injury but Laurent Seigne, who played in the side beaten 12-9 by Scotland in the A international in Rennes, is fit once more, while Laurent Cabannes and Jean-Francois Tordo will both attend this weekend's squad meeting after long-term injuries, though neither is expected to play against England.

The Welsh selectors meet this evening to discuss a year in which everything has turned to gold: Welsh representative teams have won all eight internationals played since the new year from senior down to 18-group level, including their first defeat of the French in last Friday's student international and are producing the stimulating brand of rugby conspicuously absent from England's game.

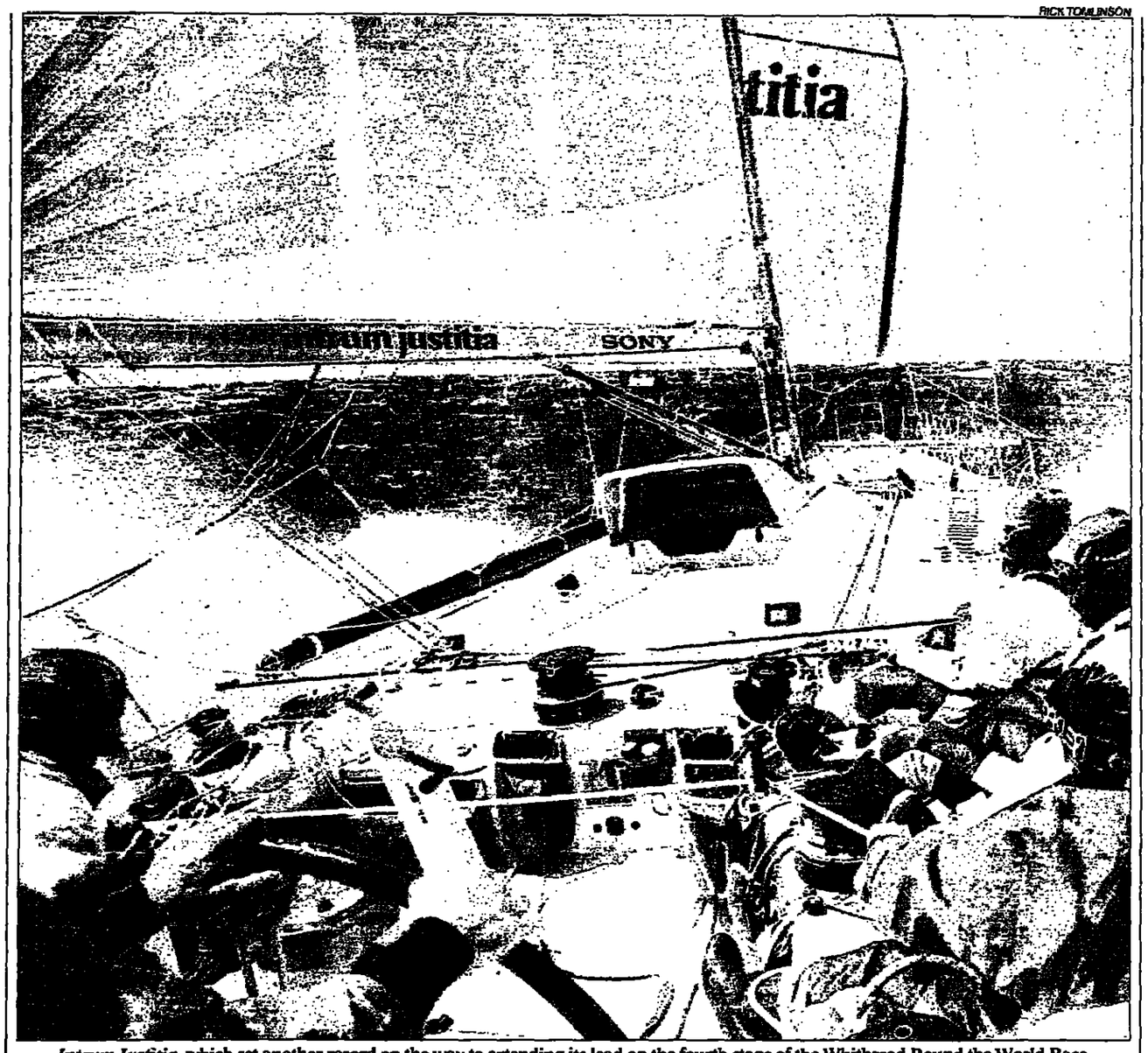
"We now have a structure which, although it needs further refinement, provides a clear pathway for talented players from under-16 to senior level," Jeff Young, the Welsh Rugby Union technical director, said. "Fortunately the Welsh team has set a standard, as role models, and younger players can identify with quality."

SQUADS

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PICK TOMLINSON



Intrum Justitia, which set another record on the way to extending its lead on the fourth stage of the Whitbread Round the World Race

Smith forges ahead as record falls

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

LAWRIE Smith and his crew on board *Intrum Justitia* set another 24-hour record as they extended their lead yesterday on the fourth stage of the Whitbread Round the World Race from Auckland, New Zealand, to Punta del Este, Uruguay.

The British skipper and his yacht covered 428.7 miles in the 24 hours from 19.55 on Sunday, beating their previous Omega world record, posted during the second leg of the race across the Indian Ocean, by 3.7 miles.

"It's been quite a run, and it's a pity the winds have now dropped down," Smith said over the yacht's Inmarsat satellite link yesterday. He added: "But it has helped us to double our lead over Chris Dickson's *Tokio*."

Smith said that his greatest concern was for *Intrum's* mast. "Both the boat and rig have taken quite a pounding, but thankfully the mast is still in one piece."

He said that he had been suffering from chronic seasickness since the start but hoped that the lighter winds that are expected to remain today will help him to shake it off.

When the tracking satellite swept over the fleet at 14:00 yesterday, *Intrum Justitia* had increased its lead to 16 miles over *Tokio* and seen its other rivals slip back. Javier de la Gandara's Spanish entry, *Galicia 93*, was 20 miles astern, *Yamaha*, skippered by Ross Field, was 29 miles adrift and Dennis Conner's American entry, *Winston*, was 56 miles behind.

The maxis were also making little impression on the smaller 60-footers. Grant Dalton's *New Zealand Endeavour* continued to trail mid-fleet, six miles behind *Winston*, while Eric Tabarly's *La Poste* and *Merit Cup*, skippered by Pierre Fehlmann, were shadowing each other a further 25 miles behind. "That's the last we will see of them until after the Horn," Smith said triumphantly yesterday.

After setting an average speed of 17.86 knots, *Intrum's* navigator, Marcel van Triest, said yesterday that they had changed their plan shortly after leaving Auckland on Sunday. "Originally, we planned to head east, but soon realised that the frontal system lying ahead of us was unpredictable. We were unsure what was lying behind it, but found wind ahead, so decided to parallel the cold front for the first 36 hours. If we can get over 40 knots of wind for another 24-hour period, then the speed record should be broken again," he predicted.

Smith said: "We haven't reached the westerly winds yet, but if we can hold our position for the next day or so we should be first to get the next big break."

☐ Another record was claimed by Robin Knox-Johnston and Peter Blake yesterday after their 92ft catamaran, *ENZA New Zealand*, crossed the International Date Line during their challenge to beat the 79-day record for a non-stop circumnavigation. They covered the 15,000 miles from Ushant in 40 days, maintaining an average of 16.83 knots to beat the record by almost four days.

POSITIONS

At 1400GMT yesterday, with miles to Punta del Este, Uruguay.
WHITBREAD 60 CLASS: 1, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur) 4,915 miles; 2, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) 4,931; 3, Galicia 93, Pescanova (J De la Gandara, Sp) 4,935; 4, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 4,944; 5, Winston (E Butterworth, US) 4,971. 6, "Brookfield (G Malkin, It) 4,993; 7, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB) 5,021; 8, "Heineken (D Pilley, US) 5,041; 9, Heiman Sahsaldechny (E Platon, UKR) 5,140, 10, Odessa (A Verbe, Ukr) 5,184. Maxi: 1, New Zealand Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 4,977, 2, La Poste (E Tabarly, Fr) 5,001; 3, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz) 5,003, 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru) 5,168.
* Subject to time penalties

Bryant has to bow to eccentric skills of Australian

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

BOWLS is a simple game. You roll a ball in the right direction and at the right speed so that it finishes as close as possible to a little white ball called a jack. There is not, however, an officially-prescribed method for achieving this, and there are, it seems, as many different styles of delivery action as there are bowlers.

Keep it simple, most coaches advise. Avoid fussy, unnecessary movements. Be economical.

Yesterday in the first round of the Churchill Insurance world indoor singles championship at Preston Guild Hall, Ian Taylor, an Australian with an extravagantly-ornate delivery, came face to face with the legendary David Bryant, from Clevedon, who invented his own style 50 years ago and has been tinkering with it ever since.

They provided a fascinating study of the *avant garde*. Taylor weighs his projectile three times, then has two trial stabs followed by a curious mid-thigh jiggle, before finally and reluctantly parting with it.

Bryant, for the draw shot, has always favoured the crouch. It is a stance that requires exceptional leg control, particularly if a bowler is Bryant's age, 62. Recently he has taken to grounding the bowl prior to delivery. His famous eccentricity, however, is the rotation of the bowl through 180 degrees during the backswing.

Cynics might suggest Taylor and Bryant might play better if they kept it simple. It might be true: but not *much* better. Taylor won an absorbing contest by three sets to two.

"Is this the end of an era?" Everyone asked when Bryant lost the first two sets. "No it's not," they said when he won the next two sets and went 5-2 up in the decider. Then, a blistering Bryant drive missed the jack by a whisker to leave Taylor the victor. Perhaps the question was nearer the mark, after all.

Mervyn King, a self-employed pest controller from Norfolk, kept it simple, defeated Jeff Rabkin, an Israeli with a South African delivery. Placing his left foot forward as he takes his stance, Rabkin finds a good line every time. King's line and length were even better.

Richard Corsie, the champion, stands between King and a place in the quarter-finals.

RESULTS: M King (Eng) bt J Rabkin (Isr) 7-2, 2-7, 7-4, 7-5, I Taylor (Aus) bt D J Bryant (Eng) 7-3, 7-5, 0-7, 4-7, 7-6

Ballesteros makes light work of repairing damaged status



Ballesteros, determined to recapture his best form

FROM MEL WEBB
IN JEREZ, SPAIN

After a 1993 racked with pain to his body and hurt to the very core of his self-belief, Severiano Ballesteros returns to tournament golf tomorrow in the Turespaña Andalucian Open near here with the glint of battle in his eyes. He is fitter than he has been for years, he is looking forward to the season. He has, he said yesterday, "the desire and determination to regain my position as No 1".

Last season, Ballesteros, the winner of 68 tournaments worldwide and the man who almost single-handedly elevated the European Tour to its present position of strength, was a sad, at times almost pathetic figure as he struggled to come to terms with the apparent fact that he was no longer a man to be feared on the golf courses of Europe and beyond.

It was the first season since 1976 that he failed to win in Europe. He finished 42nd in the money-list, the lowest he had finished since his first year on the tour as a 17-year-old in 1974. In 1993 it was shady on both sides of the street for Severiano Ballesteros.

He had to deal with an increasingly serious physical problem, his back finally rebelling against the punishment it had been given in a glorious career that started the better part of 20 years before. His self-confidence plummeted to an all-time low. He looked like a man who was ready to give it all up and go back home to Pedreña in northern Spain and enjoy the company of Carmen, his wife, and Baldomero and Miguel, their sons.

But there was one obstacle, and that was his enormous pride; no easy ways out for this man. "I didn't want to go through what happened last year again," he said. "Not only were things wrong on the golf course, but I also never felt very good physically."

His remedy was to fly to Scottsdale, near Phoenix, in Arizona, immediately after ending his season in the Casio Open in Japan. In the United States he put himself in the care of Brett Fischer, a former US PGA Tour physiotherapist, and Paul Hospindal, at the Desert Institute of Physical Therapy.

He worked intensively on strengthening his back for a solid five hours a day for almost two months. He did exercises, worked with weights, ran, cycled and used a contraption called a versaclimber in the gym. Golf was almost forgotten — he restricted himself to three visits to the nearby Tournament Players' course and hit only 30 balls each time out.

He has emerged 30lb lighter, and with the intention of keeping up a regime of two hours' work three times a week. It has left him "cautiously optimistic" about his prospects. "I feel stronger physically, and I am striking the ball well," he said yesterday after completing his first full round of golf for almost three months around the Montecastillo course.

"I am very serious about this year. I have the desire and determination to regain my position as No 1, I have proved that already to many people by going to America for two months."

He takes not only a new attitude into the tournament tomorrow, but also a new swing. He is trying to take the club back more inside, and also turning less with the shoulders to put less strain on that 36-year-old back.

"I must be patient," he said. "I was confident last season, then I went to Morocco and the wheels fell off. These things don't happen overnight, so I must be cautious. But I have very good expectations."

He eases his way into his season by playing on the testing Jack Nicklaus-designed course here, then appears in the Mediterranean Open and the Balearic Open in the following two weeks as part of his preparation for the Masters.

He is feeling confident enough to believe he can win at Augusta for the third time. It is hard to remember when he was as upbeat about his chances in a major championship. And that is good news, not only for Ballesteros himself, but the whole of professional golf.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Carling Premiership
Newcastle v Coventry (all ticket, 7.45)

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Leicester v Tranmere (7.45)
Southend v Millwall (7.45)

Second division
Bristol Rovers v Brighton (8.00)

Coca-Cola Cup
Semi-final, second Leg
Sheff Wed (0) v Manchester Utd (1) (8.00)

Scottish League
Second division
Meadowbank v Alloa

DIADORA LEAGUE: Second division: Collier Row v Aldershot (7.45). League cup: Third round: Chesham v Marlow. Carlsberg Cup: Third round: Harrow v Grays; Molesey v Bromley.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Yate v King's Lynn (7.45). Southern division: Burnham v Witney (7.45); Tonbridge v Ashford.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Congleton v Radcliffe Borough.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Chadderton v Bootle; Nantwich v Maine Road; St Helens v Bacup.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Cup: Brigg v Ossett.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Frome v Odd Down.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Norwich Utd v Lowestoft.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Arsenal (7.15) Oxford Utd v Norwich; Swindon v Southampton; Watford v Tottenham; Wimbledon v West Ham (2.0) Second division: Birmingham v Cheltenham (7.0), Cardiff v Swansea (2.0); Exeter v Bournemouth (7.0); Torquay v Plymouth (7.30); Yeovil v Hereford (7.45).

PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Middlesbrough v Bradford (7.0); Port Vale v Oldham (7.0); Scunthorpe v Manchester City (7.0); West Brom v Barnsley (7.0).

FA YOUTH CUP: Ipswich Town v Portsmouth.

RUGBY UNION

Club Matches
Army v Combined London Old Boys (at Aldershot, 7.0)
Berry Hill v Exeter University (7.0)
Cambridge University v Penguins (7.15)
Glamorgan Wanderers v Welsh Districts XV (7.15)
Lydney v RAF (7.0)
Oxford University v Anti-Assassins (3.0)
Surrey v Royal Navy (at London Irish)

COMMERCIAL UNION UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: Manchester v Northumbria; Durham v Sheffield Hallam; Swansea v Roehampton IHE. Bath v West London IHE.

UNIPLEX UNITED HOSPITAL CUP: Semi-final: King's v St Mary's (London Welsh, 2.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
Second division
Bramley v Keighley

UKC STUDENT RUGBY LEAGUE CUP: Final: Cardiff Institute v Salford University (at Don Valley Stadium, Sheffield, 7.0).

OTHER SPORTS

BOWLS: World indoor championships (Preston Guild Hall).

SQUASH: Leekes Classic (Cardiff).

Oriel launch powerful defence

ORIEL look unassailable as head crew in Oxford University Torpids, which start today. St Edmund Hall, who start ninth, are also expected to go well in the men's first division. Trinity seem set to rise to the second division.

As usual, the women's first division offers more chance of movement. Although Osler House are convinced that Somerville are set to fall to a strong challenge from New College, enabling Osler to pick off both later in the week.

Trinity Hall defend the headship of Cambridge Lent races for the third year running, with only one member in their crew that last year held off challengers. Downing, three days running, surviving by the skin of their teeth on the last day when Downing nearly made contact in the last strokes of the race.

STARTING ORDER

OXFORD TORPIDS

Men

FIRST DIVISION (5.0): Oriel, Brasenose, University, Pembroke, Magdalen, Worcester, Christ Church, New College, St Edmund Hall, Oriel II, Balliol, Lady Margaret Hall.

SECOND DIVISION (4.0): St Catherine's, Hertford, Lincoln, Wadham, Wolfson, Queen's, Exeter, St John's, Jesus, Keble, Christ Church II, St Peter's

THIRD DIVISION (3.30): Trinity, Osler House, St Hugh's, University II, Merton, Oriel III, New College II, Balliol II, Pembroke II, Linacre, Worcester II, St Anne's

FOURTH DIVISION (2.30): Brasenose II, Mansfield, St Edmund Hall II, Exeter II, Keble II, Corpus Christi, Wolfson II, Queen's II, St John's II, St Catherine's II, Magdalen II, Lady Margaret Hall II.

FIFTH DIVISION (2.0): Lincoln II, Regent's Park, Wadham II, St Peter's II, Oriel IV, Jesus II, Hertford II, St John's III, Keble III, Oriel V, St Benet's Hall, St Anne's II

SIXTH DIVISION (1.0): Worcester III, Queen's III, Christ Church III, New College III, Exeter III, University III, Osler House II, Merton II, Magdalen III, St Peter's III, Magdalen IV, Merton III.

SEVENTH DIVISION (12.30): St Antony's, Wadham III, Mansfield II, St Anne's III, Linacre II, St Edmund Hall III, Templeton, Mansfield III, Merton IV, Lady Margaret Hall III, Manchester, Corpus Christi II, Lincoln III

Women

FIRST DIVISION (4.30): Somerville, New College, Osler House, St Catherine's, University, Wadham, Pembroke, Christ Church, St Hilda's, Oriel, Lady Margaret Hall, Trinity

SECOND DIVISION (3.0): Wolfson, Worcester, St Anne's, Brasenose, St John's, Jesus, Keble, Lincoln, Hertford, St Edmund Hall, Somerville II, Queen's

THIRD DIVISION (1.30): Balliol, Merton, Magdalen, Exeter, Linacre, St Peter's, Osler House II, Wadham II, Pembroke II, New College II, St Hugh's, Oriel II.

FOURTH DIVISION (12.0): Lady Margaret Hall II, Christ Church II, Corpus Christi, Mansfield, University II, St John's III, Lady Margaret Hall III, Osler III, Jesus II, Mansfield II, St Hilda's II, Hertford II, St Anne's

CAMBRIDGE LENTS

Men

FIRST DIVISION (4.45): Trinity Hall, Downing, Jesus, Lady Margaret, Caius, 1st and 3rd Trinity, Pembroke, Queens', Emmanuel, Christ's, Churchill, Selwyn, Magdalene, St Catherine's, Clare, Robinson.

SECOND DIVISION (4.0): Fitzwilliam, Lady Margaret II, Jesus II, Downing II, Girton, Corpus Christi, 1st and 3rd Trinity II, Sidney Sussex, Peterhouse, Trinity Hall II, Caius II, King's, Pembroke II, Clare II, Lady Margaret III, Magdalene II

THIRD DIVISION (3.15): Queens' II, Selwyn II, Jesus III, Emmanuel II, Fitzwilliam II, Girton II, Churchill II, Peterhouse II, Clare III Veterinary School, Churchill III, Christ's II, Corpus Christi II, Lady Margaret IV, Darwin, Trinity Hall III

FOURTH DIVISION (1.45): St Catharine's II, 1st and 3rd Trinity III, CCAT, Magdalene III, Robinson II, Addenbrooke's, King's II, Wolfson, Downing III, Queens' III, Sidney Sussex II, Christ's III, Caius III, Pembroke IV, Hughes Hall, Corpus Christi III

FIFTH DIVISION (12.15): Jesus IV, Queens' IV, St Catherine's III, St Edmund's, Girton III Trinity Hall IV, Sidney Sussex III, Emmanuel III, Downing IV, CCAT II, Jesus V, Girton V, Darwin II, Robinson III, King's III, Fitzwilliam III, Wolfson II, Sidney Sussex IV.

Women

FIRST DIVISION (2.30): Lady Margaret, Jesus, Emmanuel, Newnham, Selwyn, Trinity Hall, Queens', Clare, St Catharine's, New Hall, Sidney Sussex, Caius, Girton, Churchill, 1st and 3rd Trinity, Downing, Christ's.

SECOND DIVISION (1.0): Robinson, Magdalene, Pembroke, Homerton, Lady Margaret II, Corpus Christi, Jesus II, Newnham II, Fitzwilliam, CCAT, Selwyn II, DMABC, Wolfson, Clare II, Emmanuel II, Sidney Sussex II, Darwin

THIRD DIVISION (11.30): Girton II, New Hall II, Lady Margaret III, Addenbrooke's, Peterhouse, St Edmund's, St Catherine's II, Churchill II, Homerton II, Christ's II, Caius II, Queens' II, Trinity Hall II, Jesus III, Pembroke II, Fitzwilliam II, Downing II, CCAT II

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) °C	Last snow
ANDORRA							
Soldeu	130	215	good	varied	good	fine -3	20/2
(Best skiing in pm on softened pistes)							
AUSTRIA							
Igls	0	35	good	varied	closed	cloud 7	19/2
(Piste skiing remain good on upper slopes)							
Kitzbühel	55	145	good	varied	fair	fair 5	19/2
(Enjoyable soft piste skiing on firm base)							
Obergurgl	105	155	good	crust	fair	cloud 2	11/2
(Excellent piste conditions)							
FRANCE							
Alpe d'Huez	140	240	good	open	powder	fine -9	21/2
(Fabulous piste skiing throughout resort)							
Flaine	120	300	good	heavy	good	sun 0	22/2
(Most pistes still covered by fresh snow)							
Isola	200	260	good	hard	good	sun 0	15/2
(Great piste skiing at all levels)							
Megève	50	155	good	varied	good	fine 5	21/2
(Runs in excellent condition)							
Val d'Isère	150	360	good	varied	good	fair -3	22/2
(Sunny piste skiing on soft snow)							
ITALY							
Cortina	25	130	good	open	hard	fair 0	6/2
(Upper pistes remain good)							
SWITZERLAND							
C Montana	40	150	good	varied	good	fine 3	22/2
(Lovely powder off piste above 2000m)							
Mürren	70	160	good	varied	good	sun 4	21/2
(Excellent piste skiing on Schilthorn)							
Villars	50	180	good	powder	good	fine -2	21/2
(Slopes groomed to perfection at Meilleret)							
Wengen	30	90	fair	varied	worn	fair 4	21/2
(Enjoyable afternoon skiing on softened pistes)							
Zermatt	65	220	good	varied	fair	fine 0	10/2
(Great skiing although more snow welcome)							

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes, U - upper; art - artificial.

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Wednesday aim to end treble hopes of United

BY PETER BALL

THE tests are coming thick and fast for Manchester United now. Three days after dismissing the blunderbuss approach of Wimbledon, they encounter the rapier of Chris Waddle and broadsword of David Hirst as Sheffield Wednesday attempt to end their imperious march in the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final second leg tonight.

United travel to Hillsborough with a one-goal advantage from the first leg at Old Trafford 11 days ago. They have now gone 32 games without defeat and if they extend the run to 33 they will be on the brink of their first trophy of a season still rich in promise.

Their performance against an aggressive Wimbledon at Selhurst Park on Sunday was awe-inspiring. Tonight they face what is likely to be a sterner test. Sheffield Wednesday achieved something of a success in holding United to one goal at Old Trafford. But if that was a tactical success, being forced to attack tonight could yet prove a strategic error, enabling United to catch them with the pace of their counter-attacks.

If anything, United's record is better away from home and their narrow lead does not concern Alex Ferguson, their manager. "We haven't lost away from home by two goals since Liverpool beat us nearly two years ago," Ferguson said.

That was a traumatic day for United, when their championship aspirations in 1992 ended. They are more resilient now and, unchanged for the fifth successive game, look capable of taking an important step towards becoming the first English team to achieve the domestic treble of the Premiership, FA Cup and Coca-Cola Cup.

Ferguson has refused to discuss the possibility of the treble, but his opposite number, Trevor Francis, had no such inhibitions yesterday, claiming that his side represents the best hope of stopping United.

"We have never had a treble in this country, but I've been saying for a while that it's a possibility," Francis said. "Let's not dismiss it simply as something that couldn't happen — we're talking about a very special team.

"I believe they are the best in Europe and the best in this country since the Liverpool of the late Seventies. It concerns me that they will get even better. They have no fear of any game and that's why they are such a danger."

If that sounds unlikely to inspire Wednesday to believe in their ability tonight, Francis was quick to say that he thinks his team could be the one to end United's run. "We stand as the one major obstacle in United's way," Francis said. "I believe they'll win the championship and the FA Cup. If we don't do it, they'll take the Coca-Cola Cup as well.

"But in Andy Sinton, Chris Waddle, Mark Bright and David Hirst we have as good a front four as any in the country. They are all big names and top-class players. If we can get performances ranking as nine out of ten from each of them then I believe we've got a chance.

"Waddle and Sinton are both good dribblers who can get in crosses and score goals. Bright and Hirst are strikers who are capable of winning us the game. Three of the four I've mentioned are England internationals, while Bright has scored 18 this season."

The return of Hirst, who had an impressive first full game after injury at Old Trafford, fuels Francis's optimism. He points out that Hirst has a good record against United. But if Wednesday's front four are capable of scoring goals, so too are the United front four, who played so devastatingly at Hillsborough in the League in October.

A repeat of that match would do much to wipe out the memory of the tedium of the first leg and would see United through to meet either Aston Villa or Tranmere at Wembley.

TONY MARSHALL



Sheffield Wednesday will be looking to Hirst to overturn their deficit against Manchester United tonight

Francis's contract offer in balance

BY KEITH PIKE

RICHARD Thompson, the Queens Park Rangers chairman, insisted yesterday that he had not ruled out the possibility of offering Gerry Francis a new contract as manager of the FA Carling Premiership football club.

Speculation about Francis's future with Rangers and the ownership of the club increased on Monday when Francis claimed his offer to stay for another year had been turned down. But Thompson said yesterday that he was still considering the matter.

"Until last Friday, Gerry was still making his mind up about whether he wanted to stay in football," Thompson said. "He then told me he would like to stay at the club for another year, and now I can go away and think about what I want to do. It is not a snub. We had a good meeting that was very constructive. We will obviously have more discussions and hope to work something out."

Thompson also denied reports that he was about to sell the club to an American consortium, but said that "if somebody came in out of the blue, it is another story". Thompson added: "I am involved in many businesses and the club is very important to me, but everything I do is subject to speculation. It is water off a duck's back to me. I am not worried because I know what is going on. It is the staff and supporters I am worried about."

Les Ferdinand's future with the club was "not a big issue", he said. "His contract still has two years to go." More important, he believed, was that Rangers had already spent £4 million on improvements at Loftus Road and that by the end of the summer a 20,000 all-seat stadium would be in place. "We are in a tremendous position, and with the squad we have got there is all to play for."

Kenny Dalglish, the Blackburn Rovers manager, may be playing down his team's chances of overhauling Manchester United at the top of the Premiership, but the man who has bankrolled the club believes they have every chance.

"We can do it, it is not too big a task," Jack Walker, the Blackburn benefactor, said yesterday. "We were a long way behind at Christmas but now we're going well and Manchester United can still throw a wobbler."

United, who led Blackburn by 16 points after beating Tottenham Hotspur on January 15, saw their advantage whittled down to seven points on Saturday when Blackburn beat Newcastle United. Last night, Rovers were attempting to reduce the gap by securing their eighth successive league win, against Norwich City at Carrow Road.

Walker, who has enabled Dalglish to spend more than £20 million on assembling his team, said that Rovers would be a year ahead of schedule if they managed to secure their first championship since 1914.

"The plan was that we would be in a position to make a serious title challenge by next season," he said, "but now it looks as though we will at least finish second and get into Europe." They led Arsenal, the third-placed club, by 12 points before their match last night.

Arsenal may be forced to change date of cup-tie

ARSENAL seem certain to have to switch the date of their Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final second-leg tie with Torino after an exchange of faxes with Uefa yesterday failed to resolve a dispute over kick-off times (Keith Pike writes).

The governing body of European football insists that, if the match goes ahead on the scheduled date of Wednesday March 16, and is televised in Italy, it will have to start by 16.45GMT. Ken Friar, the Arsenal secretary, said: "We are not able to operate at that time, either in terms of policing or match-day staff."

Uefa will not permit television coverage to overlap with the European Cup Champions' League game between AC Milan and Werder Bremen. It is for the same reason that the kick-off time for the first leg in Turin on March 2 has been brought forward to 17.30GMT.

A combination of television demands and police worries could also mean that only one of the four FA Cup sixth-round ties will be staged on the original date of Saturday March 12.

The tie between Chelsea and Wolverhampton Wanderers or Ipswich Town has been put back 24 hours for live coverage by the BBC, and the match between West Ham United and Luton Town will be screened by Sky Sports on the evening of Monday March 14.

That leaves the games between Manchester United and Bristol City or Charlton Athletic, and Bolton Wanderers and Oldham Athletic but with Manchester City also at home to Wimbledon in a Premiership game on the same afternoon, police demands could see the tie at Burnden Park switched to the Sunday.

Manchester City received a boost yesterday when Tony Coton, 32, agreed to a new four-year contract that will keep him at Maine Road until the summer of 1988. City paid Watford £1 million for Coton in July 1990, and he has been capped by England at B international level. Brian Horton, the City manager, said: "It amazes me that he has not been a regular in the England set-up."

Liam Brady has made his first permanent signings since taking over as manager of Brighton. John Ryan, 17, a striker from Cork City, has signed professional forms, and Gareth Doyle, 16, who plays in midfield, joins the club's youth training scheme from a boys' club in Dublin.

A snow-covered pitch at St James' Park makes the scheduled Premiership match between Newcastle United and Coventry City tonight "extremely doubtful", the club said. Roger Dilkes, the match referee, will make an inspection this morning.

If the game goes ahead, Andy Cole, who has missed two games because of a shoulder injury, has "a better than 50-50 chance" of playing. Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, said. But Steve Howey, the central defender, is doubtful. He saw a specialist in London yesterday about the groin injury that has been troubling him.

FOR THE RECORD

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GLASGOW: Thomas Cup: European zone: Group A: Wales 5 Slovenia 0 (Wales names first) J Leung bt M Popshik 15-3, 15-7, G Lewis bt S Zmeck 15-6, 15-5, C Rees bt J Pethan 18-14, 15-3, P Hilbert and R Vaughan bt M Matias and A Babnik 15-3, 15-11, Rees and D Tonks bt Pethan and A Pohar 15-2, 15-21, Ireland 1 Belarus 4 (Ireland names first) M Watt lost to M Yorshuk 5-15, 7-15, B Topping lost to V Shmakov 13-15, 7-15, J Colfor lost to V Rudnitsky 7-15, 4-15, M O'Meara and M Pickard lost to Korshuk and Shmakov 14-17, 8-15, B Topping and M Topping beat V Gromyko and Rudnitsky 15-1, 15-7) Group placings: 1, Belarus, 2, Wales 3, Ireland, 4, Slovenia. Group B: South Africa 5 Israel 0 Group C: Iceland 5 Barbados 0 Group D: Austria 5 France 0, Belgium 5 Cyprus 0 Group placings: 1, Austria, 2, France, 3, Belgium 4, Cyprus. Group E: Poland 4 Portugal 1, Guatemala 3 Slovakia 2 Group placings: 1, Poland, 2, Portugal, 3, Guatemala, 4, Slovakia. Group F: Peru 5 Italy 0

Uber Cup: European zone: Group A: Iceland 4 Israel 1, Spain 3 Belgium 2, Spain 3 Israel 2, Iceland 3 Belgium 2. Group placings: 1, Iceland, 2, Spain, 3, Belgium; 4 Israel Group B: Switzerland 5 Slovenia 0; Portugal 5 Cyprus 0 Group C: Belorussia 4 South Africa 1, Wales 1 France 4 (Wales names first) K Morgan lost to S Dimbour 4-11 11-2, 10-12, R Phipps lost to C Mol 8-11, 3-11, G Davies lost to S Lefevre 8-11, 2-11; Morgan and Phipps lost to Dimbour and Mol 17-14, 8-15, 11-15, H Tarleton and Davies bt V Delvingt and Lefevre 15-6, 2-15, 15-6 Group D: Norway 5 Italy 0, Hungary 3 United States 2, Norway 5 United States 0

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Minnesota 89 San Antonio 114, Chicago 118 Charlotte 93, Detroit 88 Dallas 98, Miami 128 Washington 98, Phoenix 112 Sacramento 86, Utah 119 Philadelphia 92

BOWLS

PRESTON: World indoor championships: Pairs, first round: J Price and S Rees (Wales) bt S Forrest (Can) and M McMahon (HK) 7-0, 7-2, 3-7, 7-4, C Cums and I Schubach (Aus) bt J Henry and I McClure (Ire) 7-2, 7-5, 7-1, K Campbell (SA) and J Rabkin (Ger) bt B Brisson (Jer) and A Welch (Guer) 6-7, 7-3, 7-5, 7-4, D Corkill and A McMullan (Ire) bt F Renwick and D Williams (Eng) 7-4, 7-0, 7-6

FOOTBALL

The following matches were postponed:

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley v Watford, Oxford Utd v West Bromwich. Second division: Bradford v Stockport, Burnley v Rotherham, Hartlepool v Levton Orient, York v Bournemouth. Third division: Carlisle v Shrewsbury, Wycombe v Rochdale.

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Fourth round, St Johnstone v Stirling Albion

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Halifax v Altrincham, Stalybridge v Telford, Yeovil v Woking.

DRINKWISE CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Macclesfield v Northwich

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Droylsden v Fleetwood.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Coventry v Leeds

BRAZILIAN LEAGUES: São Paulo, Bragantino 1 Rio Branco 1, Corinthians 4 Santos 0; Ferroviona 1 Santo Andre 0 Guarani 0 Palmeiras 2, Mogi Mirim 1 Ponte Preta 1; Novorizontino 1 União São João 1; Portuguesa 3 Juano 0 Rio de Janeiro: America/Rio de Janeiro 1 Campo Grande 0, Americano 0 Olaria 0; Bangu 2 Volta Redonda 0; Flumminense 1 Botafogo 2, Madureira 0 Vasco da Gama 0

Late results on Monday

FA TROPHY: Second-round replays: Macclesfield 3 Worcester 2; Enfield 2 Worthing 0

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley 2 Knowsley 1,

DIADORA LEAGUE. First division: Purfleet 0 Whyteleafe 1. Carlsberg Cup: second round: Carshalton 3 Sutton Utd 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Hednesford 1 Halesowen 1

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Mansfield 2 Burnley 3, Preston 2 Manchester City 1; Tranmere 2 Scunthorpe 1

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol Rovers 1 Bristol City 0, Chelsea 1 Charlton 0, Millwall 2 Luton 1

FA YOUTH CUP: Arsenal 3 Stoke City 1

HOCKEY

RUSSELSHEIM, Germany: European indoor championships: Final: Russelsheim 6 Berliner HC 5. Third-place play-off: Edinburgh 7 Hightown 1.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCH: India 1 Australia 0 (Australia won series 3-1)

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New York Islanders 4 Washington 0, New York Rangers 4 Pittsburgh 3 (OT), Dallas 6 San Jose 3, Philadelphia 8 Montreal 7, Toronto 5 Los Angeles 4, Buffalo 2 Quebec 1

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracknell 6 Sheffield 5, Durham 6 Fife 4, Humberside 8 Basingstoke 8, Murrayfield 4 Cardiff 3, Peterborough 9 Billingham 7, Whitley Bay 10 Nottingham 7. First division: Blackburn 9 Dumfries 8, Guildford 5 Solihull 4, Medway 16 Lee Valley 5, Milton Keynes 11 Paisley 5, Oxford 7 Slough 4, Romford 9 Swindon 8, Streatham 8 Slough 2, Trafford 5 Chelmsford 4

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Belgium 1 Great Britain 8 6

MOTOR RALLYING

STAGES RALLIES: Winter (Isle of Man): 1, P Christian (Sapphire Cosworth) 28min 52sec, 2, P Bethidge (VW Golf) 27 28, 3 D Geune (Ford Escort) 27 34 Morecambe (Cumbria) 1, J Brodie (Metro 6R4) 38 55sec, 2, G Hall (Ford Escort) 40 49, 3, P Roberts (Vauxhall Nova) 41 12. Panoramic (Warwickshire) 1, S Somanale (Sierra Cosworth) 54 51, 2, C Fane (Sapphire Cosworth) 54.56, 3, M Oates (Subaru Legacy) 55 13

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: University match: Cambridge 2 Oxford 1 (Cambridge names first) T Barker and M Dawson bt G Morrigomere and R Tumill 5-15, 15-6, 15-11, 15-6, 15-11 Dawson bt Tumill 15-6, 15-9, 15-1; Barker lost to Montgomere 15-11, 14-17, 8-15, 15-4, 4-15)

ROWING

BOSTON: world indoor rowing championships: Lightweight women: 1, A Stapleton (GB) 6min 54.6sec (world record), 2, B Luzuv (Fr) 7.01.3; 3, O Shesyan (China) 9.05.6. Open women: 1 M Brandon (Swe) 8.13.6 (world record) Open men: 1 M Sejkowski (Pol) Lightweight men: 1, W Sigl (Austria) 7.52.9. 2

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cancelled: Pontypool v Narberth: Treorchy v Fairwater

SHOOTING

PRETORIA: South African national rifle championships (club teams of six): Rhodes Cup: 1, Wonderbar 588; 2, Pretoria East 579; 3, RAF 578 Hamilton Cup: 1, Kareekbew 676; 2, Pretoria East 614, 3, Pothwerang 611; 4, RAF 608

SQUASH

CARDIFF: Welsh Classic men's tournament: First round: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt Mir Zaman Gul (Pak) 17-14, 13-12, 15-8, 15-8; P Nicol (Scot) bt P Johnson (Eng) 15-7, 15-10, 15-6, R Eyles (Aus) bt J Nicoll (Eng) 15-8, 12-15, 15-12, 13-15, 15-13, B Martin (Aus) bt C Leach (Eng) 15-11, 13-15, 15-4, 15-6, A Davies (Wales) bt S Ekpuro (Fin) 15-12, 13-15, 15-9, R Norman (NZ) bt S Frost (Ger) 15-15, 15-11, 15-12, 8-15, 17-14, M Cairns (Eng) bt S Parke (Eng) 15-13, 15-14, 15-8, D Ryan (Ire) bt S Meads (Eng) 15-13, 15-5, 15-7. Second round: D Meddings (Eng) bt T Hinds (Eng) 17-16, 15-10, 8-15, 15-11, P Marshall (Eng) bt A Adarraga (Sp) 17-16, 15-4, 15-7, C Walker (Eng) bt R Marrin (Aus) 15-13, 15-10, 5-15, 15-13, 17-15. Women: Second round: S Horner (Eng) bt F Geaves (Eng) 15-5, 15-12, 15-12, S Wright (Eng) bt S Mastic (Scot) 15-7, 5-15, 15-6, 15-11, L Opie (Eng) bt M Le Mounnan (Sing) 12-15, 15-12, 17-15, 15-5, S FitzGerald (Aus) bt D Martin (Aus) 15-2, 15-10, 15-5

TENNIS

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Men: Area play-offs: Nottingham Indoor 7 Repton School 2, Clearview Brentwood 2 David Lloyd Bushey 0, Windmill Hill 2 Parkfrangley Bromley 1. Women: Fifth round: Hallamshire Sheffield 0 Northumberland 3, Boston 2 Long Road Cambridge 1; Lincoln Indoor 2 Wakefield Ashton 1; Lakenham Norwich 1 Eccleston Priory 2, Batchwood St Albans 2 Harpenden 1, Connaught 2 Welwyn Spin 1, Carlton 1 Surrey Country Club 2, Chris Lane Woking 0 Sutton Junior 3

ROTTERDAM: Men's tournament: First round: A Volkov (Russ) bt D Nargiso (It) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, I Kajelmikov (Russ) bt B Steven (NZ) 7-5, 6-2, K Novacek (Cz) bt A Antonitsch (Austria) 6-4, 7-5; R Gilbert (Fr) bt Y El Aynaoui (Mar) 7-6, 6-4, J Svensson (Swe) bt T Enqvist (Swe) 7-5, 4-6, 6-1, R Agenor (Haiti) bt J Siemerink (Hol) 7-5, 3-6, 6-2, G Raoux (Fr) bt H Holm (Swe) 6-4, 6-2, J Bjorkman (Swe) bt O Camporese (It) 6-1, 7-6, D Vacek (Cz) bt A Olhovskiy (Russ) 7-6, 4-6, 6-4, J Hrasek (Switz) bt J Winnick (Hol) 7-6, 7-6

MEXICO CITY: Men's tournament: First round: M Petchey (GB) bt N Borwick (Aus) 6-3, 6-2, D Pri (Cz) bt H Do La Pena (Arg) 7-5, 7-5, G Schaffer (Austria) bt G Solves (Fra) 7-6, 6-2, A Gaudenzi (It) bt O Ortiz (Mex) 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, J Francisco Altur (Sp) bt J Caufresne (Bel) 7-6, 2-6, 6-4, R Smith (Bah) bt L Lavalle (Mex) 6-7, 6-4, 6-3; B Shelton (US) bt J Orons (Br) 3-6, 6-2, 7-6

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona: Men's tournament: First round: F Santoro (Fr) bt A O'Brien (US) 6-3, 5-7, 6-3; L Mattar (Br) bt J Sánchez (Sp) 6-3, 7-5, M Washington (US) bt P Rafter (Aus) 4-6, 6-2, 7-6, B Black (Zim) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 6-4, 6-3; A Krickstein (US) bt V Spadea (US) 6-3, 6-4; K Braasch (Ger) bt S Stolle (Aus) 7-6, 6-3; G Stafford (SA) bt M Wander (Swe) 6-2, 6-2.

INDIAN WELLS, California: Women's tournament: First round: N Zvereva (Belo) bt B Nagelsen (US) 6-0, 6-1, E Likhovtseva (Kaz) bt H Sukova (Cz) 6-1, 7-5, I Majoli (Cro) bt S Hack (Ger) 3-6, 6-4, 7-6, L Raymond (US) bt M Oremans (Holl) 6-7, 6-1, 6-4, T Austin (US) bt R Zrubakova (Slovakia) 6-2, 5-7, 6-3, L Harvey-Wild (US) bt M Wendel (US) 6-4, 6-2, G Helgeson (US) bt S Rottier (Holl) 6-4, 6-0

Injuries confuse qualifying task

BY RICHARD EATON

THERE are some tricky hurdles to be overcome over the next few days if the England men's and women's badminton teams are to qualify for the world team finals from the European zone preliminaries at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow.

It is the first time the men's and women's competitions have been held together in Britain, and 39 nations, a record number, have sent teams. Unhappily for England, the tournament has coincided with an unprecedented spate of injuries. Although the England sides are seeded to reach both the Thomas Cup and Uber Cup finals in Jakarta in May, the women are at risk of failing to do so for the first time.

The England No 1, Joanne Muggeridge, is out with a knee injury, the former European doubles champion, Gill Clark, is doubtful, and the national champion, Suzanne Louis-Lane, and the national semi-finalist, Alison Humby, are both recovering from recent injury setbacks. The fifth-ranked Sarah Hore has been summoned from Paris to join the squad.

The match against Holland in England's round-robin group looks particularly tough, as does a potential third place play-off against Russia. Only if both games are won can England expect to to join Denmark and Sweden in Indonesia.

The Denmark men, even without the world's best doubles player, Thomas Lund, who is injured, should qualify along with Sweden. However, the England men, without the world bronze medal-winner, Nick Ponting, may need a third place play-off with Holland before gaining their expected place in the eight-nation finals.

The Scotland teams also begin their campaigns today at the second stage of a tournament that began last Saturday in Glasgow and Singapore (three also qualify from the Asian venue).

Scotland, seeded in the five-to-eight category in both the men's and women's European zones, will meet the England men tomorrow in what may be the nolsiest match of the event.



Louis-Lane: recovering

SPORT IN BRIEF

Walker puts Martin in the shade again

CHRIS Walker, reconfirmed in the latest England squash ranking list as the national No 2, celebrated in Cardiff with a 68-minute, second-round 15-13, 15-10, 5-15, 15-13, 17-15 win in the Leekes Classic over Rodney Martin, from Australia, the second-seeded former world champion (Colin McQuillan writes). This is the fourth time Walker, 26, a left-hander from Chelmsford, in Essex, has created problems for the world No 2. He beat Martin last in a four-game quarter-final of the world open championship in Karachi last November to create an English record with Peter Marshall of two semi-finalists in a world championship.

Marshall, the British champion, defeated Austin Adarraga, of Spain, 17-16, 15-4, 15-7 in 53 minutes and in the quarter-final will meet Danny Meddings, of Surrey, who ruined the day of Tony Hands, of Essex, who was promoted to third place on the new England list for the first time. Meddings beat him 17-16, 15-10, 8-15, 15-11 in 88 minutes.

Celtic meeting called

FOOTBALL: The dissident Celtic shareholders who support Fergus McCann are today expected to requisition an extraordinary general meeting (Kevin McCarra writes). This would allow a vote on the proposal of the Scots-Canadian millionaire's consortium to inject up to £17.9 million into the stricken Glasgow club. An identical bid, which would buy up a massive share issue and remove control from the current board, was rejected in November.

The rhetoric intensified yesterday with McCann's call for David Smith, the Celtic deputy chairman to resign. McCann believes Smith is attempting to drive four key directors, who are bound together with him in a voting pact, into accepting a rival offer, fronted by the Glasgow businessman, Willie Haughey, of £300 a share.

Till faces lively time

BOXING: If it is a fight you are after, be at Watford Town Hall tonight (Srikumar Sen writes). Andy Till, of Northolt, defends his British light-middleweight title against Robert McCracken, of Birmingham. Both come to fight, with McCracken the most likely to win, even though, perhaps, hitting the floor once or twice. At 25, he is five years younger than Till, is superior technically and is unbeaten in 18 contests, 14 of which ended inside the distance. Most of Till's bouts have been gruelling, culminating in the four-round pasting from Laurent Boudouani, of France, in June.

Barnet surrender title

SWIMMING: Barnet Copthall, the British club team champions, have opted out of defending their title on March 6 and 7 at Stockport because of a clash of dates. The Barnet squad will concentrate instead on the London final of the Speedo League, a less important contest but one in which swimmers of all ages and abilities compete throughout the winter months. Doug Campbell, coach to a Barnet team that includes Mark Foster, the world short-course champion, said: "It's time the calendar was sorted out. The GB team event has been brought forward a month this year."

Australia's added blow

RUGBY UNION: Seven weeks after the death of its president, Joe French, the Australian Rugby Union lost its chief executive when Bob Fordham resigned yesterday. Fordham, 53, a former international referee who has occupied the post since 1988, wants to explore business opportunities after a period of unparalleled prosperity for the game in Australia. During the past six years Australia have been acknowledged as the best team in rugby while the union's profit of Aus $1.9 million for the year ending in October was larger than the previous 16 years combined.

Badminton in £1m deal

EQUESTRIANISM: Mitsubishi Motors is extending its sponsorship of the Badminton Horse Trials for a further three years. The £1 million contract, announced by the Duke of Beaufort at Badminton yesterday, is to continue until "at least" 1997. The company first sponsored the event in 1992. Hugh Thomas, the trials director, said the organisers could now plan for the future with "confidence and security". Virginia Elliot (formerly Leng), the winner of the Mitsubishi Trophy last year, heads the field for this year's event from May 5 to 8.

Cairns out of running

CRICKET: A continuing knee injury forced Chris Cairns, the Nottinghamshire all-rounder, to withdraw yesterday from the New Zealand team to face Pakistan in the third Test at Christchurch tomorrow. Michael Owens, twelfth man for the second Test, replaces Cairns. To add to New Zealand's problems, Ken Rutherford, their captain, is doubtful with a hand injury. Pakistan, who hold a winning 2-0 lead in the three-Test series, will also be forced to make a change after Asif Mujtaba confirmed a broken finger would keep him out of contention.

Cambridge triumph

RACKETS: Richard Montgomerie, the Oxford No 1, salvaged some pride in the University match at Queen's Club yesterday when he recorded the dark blues' only victory in their 2-1 defeat by a strong Cambridge side. Although Montgomerie and his partner, Roly Turnill, the Oxford captain, lost the doubles and the Cambridge No 2, Dawson, won his singles match, Montgomerie survived a thrilling struggle against the Cambridge No 1, Thorold Barker, in which both men hit powerfully but Barker was finally made to pay for his mistakes.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

LAPIDATE

(c) To throw stones at, to pelt with stones, also to stone to death, from the Latin *lapidare* in the same sense, *lapis* a stone: "It is better they be roused to lapidate us than soused in their sty."

MUCILAGE

(a) A viscous substance obtained from the roots, seeds, and other parts of plants by maceration in water, from the late Latin (c. AD 400) *mūcilāgo* musty juice. The Superior Person does not use gum, glue or paste. He or She uses mucilage. "The mucilage may be prepared by rubbing common starch with cold water."

COMICONOMENCLATURIST

(b) A specialist in funny names, from the Latin *comicus*, Greek *kōmos* a rustic revel + *nomen* name + *laturus* future participial stem of *ferre* to carry, collect. Serious comiconomenclaturists are contributors to diary columns of newspapers, and play by rules as strict as those of golf. Names have to be of real people. Chinese names such as Dung Hit Fan or T. Hee are out of bounds. Names cease to be funny as they become known, eg Teresa Gorman, Dingle Foot, Mollie Panter-Downes, Virginia Bottomley.

CAVENDISH

(c) Tobacco softened and pressed into solid cakes, presumed to be an eponym, though its nomenclator is lost in the fumes of time; House of Commons report, 1844: "Cavendish is a species of tobacco reckoned by the Excise under the general denomination of Roll. I suppose the name is taken from the name of the maker in America. I know of no other reason for the name."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Qa8+ Nb8 2 Qa5! is disastrous for Black, as 2 ... b6 allows 3 Qa7.

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Weak all-weather fields blamed on Jockey Club

By Julian Muscat

RICHARD Muddle, the chairman of Southwell racecourse, launched a withering attack on the Jockey Club's inaction over the standard of runners competing in all-weather races over hurdles. In the wake of an increasing number of equine deaths, Muddle yesterday described the Club's failure to respond to the concerns he raised with them 12 months ago as "an absolute disgrace."

A spate of recent injuries, some of them fatal, have been sustained by horses in such contests. In addition, the number of falls has increased since Southwell and Lingfield Park, Britain's two all-weather jumping venues, introduced a stiffer type of hurdle some 13 months ago. Before that, the hurdles in use were easily knocked down and remained grounded during a race.

Equine fatalities for the 1993 all-weather jumps season, which runs from January through to mid-March, amounted to six from among the 1,487 runners, or 0.4 per cent. This year, with six fixtures yet to be completed, there have been 11 deaths from 900 runners, or 1.2 per cent.

However, the 1993 statistics cover the first year of using the stiffer hurdles. A comparison with 1992, when the old hurdles were in place, reveal there were seven equine deaths from a pool of 1,273 runners, or 0.54 per cent.

Initially, the Jockey Club ascribed the improved safety element in 1993 to the new hurdles, which placed a greater emphasis on jumping technique. It felt they were forcing jockeys to temper the frenetic pace at which these races are invariably contested. While that theory now appears misplaced, it is difficult to offer an alternative explanation.

Details of the casualties will be examined today by the race planning committee of the British Horseracing Board (BHB) as part of the viability of staging jumps fixtures on all-weather. Paul Greeves, racing director at the BHB, said last night: "The number of horses suffering from crippling or fatal injuries has risen, and this must raise serious questions about the future of this type of racing."

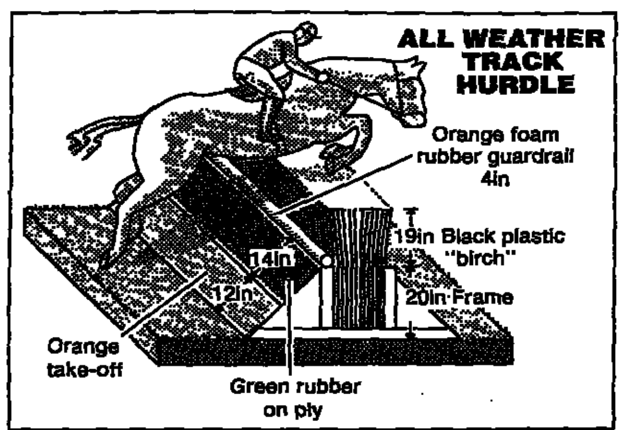
As from today's fixture at Southwell, the Jockey Club is to dispatch a course inspector and an additional vet to monitor proceedings. These extra staff will attend the five remaining all-weather hurdle fixtures to examine the standard of horses and jockeys riding in these races.

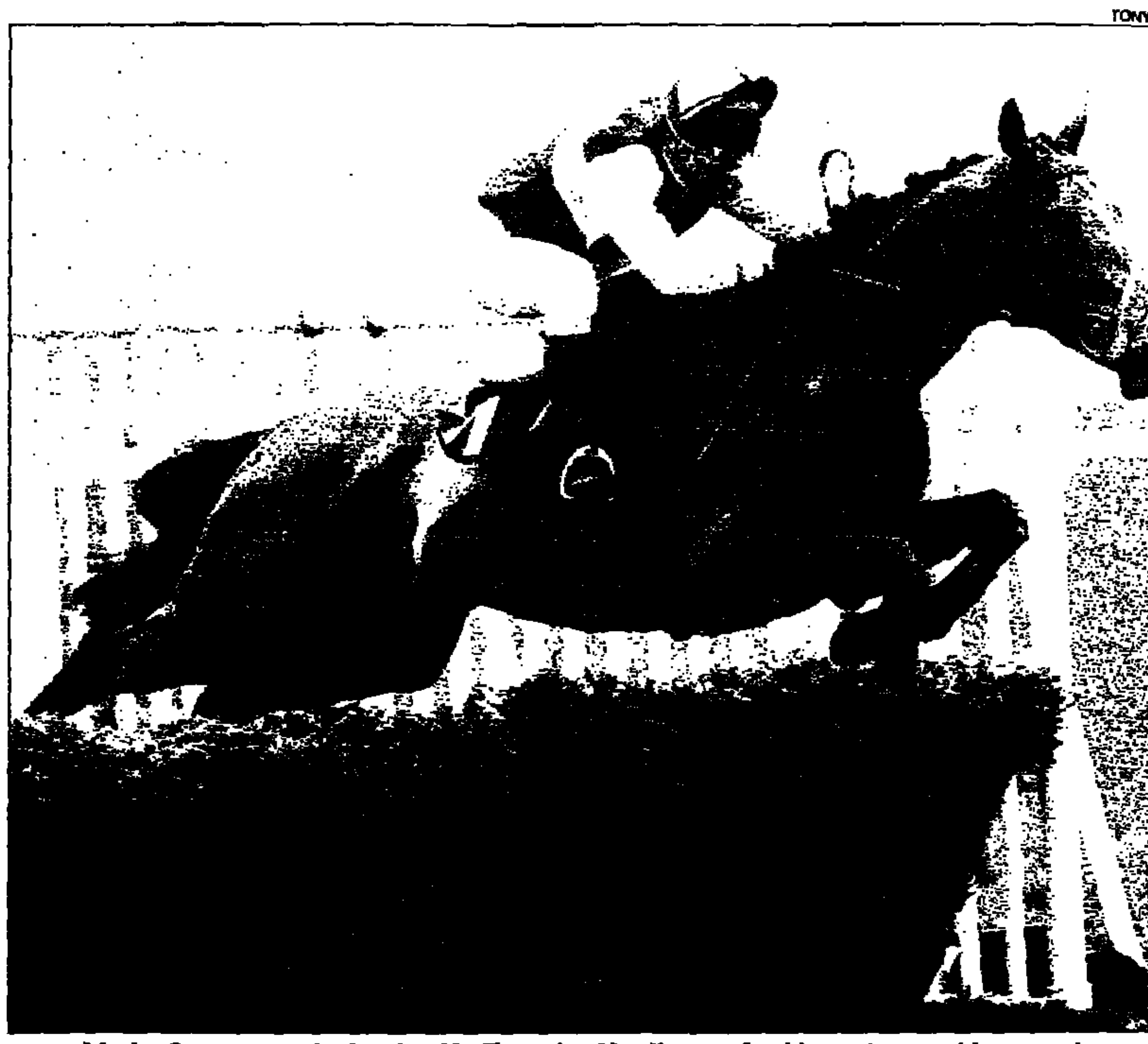
However, Muddle had little doubt about the reasons. "The surface and the new hurdles have got nothing to do with these fatalities," he insisted. "The surface is unforgiving but not as much as it is when horses race over jumps on fast turf. It is much more down to the fact that sub-standard horses are getting tired with inexperienced jockeys on their backs. It is a case of the bottom end of the bottom end."

He also harboured few doubts about who was to blame. "It is down to the Jockey Club," he maintained. "It is their responsibility to maintain and improve safety standards. We have asked them to monitor this and they have not done it."

Muddle felt the Club should consider warning the trainers of horses which have not completed the course on their last two outings that a third successive failure would result in disciplinary action. But while the Jockey Club bears the ultimate responsibility for safety standards, jockeys and trainers have a moral obligation to ensure that horses racing over hurdles on all-weather surfaces are capable of jumping what are more demanding obstacles than the traditional hurdle.

The BHB's decision on the future of all-weather jump racing is not expected immediately, but one thing is certain. The connections of horses have had ample opportunity to assess the dangers for themselves in the 13 months the new hurdles have been in place.





TONY EDENDEN

Morley Street, seen winning the 1991 Champion Hurdle, goes for this year's race without another run

Morley Street misses Wincanton

By Our Racing Staff

MORLEY Street is likely to bypass tomorrow's grade two Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton and will now go straight for the Champion Hurdle.

Jonathan Geake, assistant to Morley Street's trainer, Toby Balding, said yesterday: "I doubt whether he'll run. Even if Wincanton goes ahead, the ground would be too soft for Morley Street. In any case, he doesn't need to run. We can get him ready for Cheltenham just as easily at home."

Morley Street, who won the Champion Hurdle in 1991 after an unsuccessful novice chasing campaign, has yet to run over hurdles this season, finishing unplaced in his two outings over fences, in the Mackeson Gold Cup and the Triple-print Gold Cup, both at Cheltenham.

However, Spinning, trained by Balding's brother, Ian, will make his reappearance at Wincanton. A spokeswoman the Kingsclere stable said: "The way that meetings are dropping at the moment it's difficult to be certain, but the plan is for Spinning to go to Wincanton and then for the Champion Hurdle.

"We wouldn't want it too soft for him but the horse is well and in good form. We've been trying to find a race for him for some time, but things have been difficult because of the weather."

The Tote yesterday cut Spinning to 16-1 from 25-1 for the Champion Hurdle.

The cold weather is also causing problems in France, where Francois Doumen has been to prepare The Fellow, who is set to shoulder top weight in the Racing Post Chase at Kempton Park on Saturday. "He had to miss one day's exercise, but did his main work on Saturday," Doumen said.

Best backed horse yesterday for the Kempton race was Antonin. Sue Bramall's six-year-old was cut to 8-1 from 12-1 by William Hill, while Corals shortened him to 10-1 from 12-1.

Cuddy Dale, for whom trainer Ferdy Murphy is hoping to book either Adrian Maguire or Norman Williamson, was clipped to 33-1 from 50-1 by Ladbrokes. "Ever since he broke down two years ago we have been aiming him at this race. Everything has gone to plan, and we were delighted with the run at Ascot last time, when he got tired after running too freely," Murphy said. "He is sure to be in contention two out and I just hope he is in the condition to stay with them."

In Saturday's other feature race, the Greenalls Gold Cup at Haydock, Light Veneer was backed to 7-1 from 11-1 with William Hill. The favourite, Moorcroft Boy, was cut to 100-30 from 4-1 by Corals.

National Lottery causes concern

THE forecast made by Tom Kelly, the director-general of Bola (Betting Office Licencees' Association), that the National Lottery could have a disastrous effect on betting turnover, was greeted by scepticism from government officials yesterday.

Kelly, speaking at Bola's annual meeting, warned that a further loss of turnover "would close many betting shops, with all that would entail for jobs, the levy, betting duty and social order."

But Duncan Stroud, a spokesman for the Department of National Heritage, which steered the National Lottery Bill through Parliament last year, said: "The National Lottery aims at a different type of market. Essentially, it is a game of pure chance; there will be no skill involved as in horse or dog racing."

Home Office spokeswoman Sharon Atkinson added: "The Home Office is aware of the concerns expressed by the betting industry and has undertaken to monitor the situation once the National Lottery starts. But no-one knows what effect it will have at the moment."

Gerry O'Connor, general manager of the Irish Board of Racing, said it was difficult to gauge what effect — if any — the introduction of a National Lottery has had on betting turnover in Ireland.

"Off-course turnover has increased steadily over the years that the National Lottery has been in existence and although on-course turnover has fallen slightly, whether that is due to the National Lottery is a very moot point," he said.

WARWICK

THUNDERER

1.50 Nearly Splendid
2.20 Flakey Dove
2.50 Spring Marathon
3.20 Lord Relic
3.50 Northern Saddler
4.20 City Kid
4.50 Country Concorde

Brian Beel: 1.50 Nearly Splendid.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (7.15AM INSPECTION) SIS

1.50 BZW HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,702: 3m 2f) (10 runners)

1 163-565 CURAHEEN BOY 18 (F,G) (C Tristline) C Tristline 14-12-8 ... Miss J Butler (7) 85
2 5-U314 QUEEN'S CHAPLAIN 11 (F,G,S) Mrs M Morris 10-12-8 ... Mrs M Morris (7) 92
3 14-0FU DOUBTING DONNA 18 (G,S) (Mrs D Hughes) Mrs D Hughes 8-12-3 ... V Hughes (7) 68
4 412P- PADRIGAL 305P (F,G,S) (J Cheatle) J Cheatle 11-12-3 ... B Pollock (7) 84
5 3222- ASHPIT 298P (F,G,S) (Mrs A Garton) A Garton 13-11-9 ... T Garton (7) 84
6 34-42 CAPE COTTAGE 14 (F,G,S) (D Caro) D Caro 10-11-9 ... A Phillips (7) 97
7 21-11 NEARLY SPLENDID 18P (F,G,S) (S Stevens) S Stevens 9-11-9 ... T Greed (7) –
8 P62-4 NGERU 14 (R Taylor) R Heathfield 8-11-9 ... A Edwards (7) 78
9 52-53 RUSTY BRIDGE 29 (F,G) (J Johnson) J Johnson 7-11-9 ... R Johnson (7) 84
10 33/62 SPACE MAN 33P (A Mason) A Mason 11-11-9 ... P Howse (7)

☐ Form figures include point-to-points

BETTING: 5-4 Nearly Splendid, 7-2 Cape Cottage, 7-1 Space Man, 10-1 Queen's Chaplain, 14-1 Ngeru, 15-1 Padrigal, 20-1 Ashpit, Curaheen Boy, Doubting Donna, 25-1 Rusty Bridge.

1993: RANDOM PLACE 11-11-2 I Pocock (100-1) Mrs R Pocock 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

QUEEN'S CHAPLAIN 11½l 4th of 13 to subsequently demoted Centre Attraction in hunter chase at Uttoxeter (2m 7f, soft). PADRIGAL beat Highland Echo 8l in 13-runner hunter chase at Wolverhampton (3m 1f, good) last season with ASHPIT (13lb better off) 12l 3rd
CAPE COTTAGE neck 2nd of 14 to Brown Windsor in a hunter chase at Ludlow (3m, good) with NGERU (same terms) 15½l 4th.
NEARLY SPLENDID beat Andros Prince by 8l in point-to-point at Larkhill (3m, good to soft) earlier in the month. Previously beat Over The Edge 4l in 23-runner point-to-point over same course and distance with CAPE COTTAGE 6½l 4th, RUSTY BRIDGE 5l 5th, SPACE MAN head 6th and DOUBTING DONNA tailed off 12th.
RUSTY BRIDGE 35l 3rd of 9 to Double Silk in hunter chase at Chepstow (3m, soft) with DOUBTING DONNA falling.
Selection: NEARLY SPLENDID

2.20 REGENCY HURDLE (Grade II: £9,140: 2m 4f 110yd) (4 runners)

1 342113 FLAKEY DOVE 11 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (J Price) R Price 8-11-7 ... J Osborne
2 313166 JEASSU 18 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs R Mills) A J Wilson 11-11-5 ... B Clifford 80
3 11120-3 OLYMPIAN 18 (B,C,F,G) (M & N Plant Ltd) M Pipe 7-11-5 ... R Dunwoody 86
4 200-111 GREY POWER 19 (D,F,S) (A Frame) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-4 ... P Niven 85

BETTING: Evens Flakey Dove, 9-4 Olympian, 7-2 Grey Power, 10-1 Jeassu.

1993: FLAKEY DOVE 7-11-0 D Tegg (6-5 fav) R Price 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

FLAKEY DOVE 4l 3rd of 11 to Large Action in grade II Tote Gold Trophy Handicap Hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, soft). JEASSU 9l 6th of 24 to Toogood To Be True in handicap hurdle over course and distance (heavy) on penultimate start. OLYMPIAN 1½l 3rd of 12 to Dark Honey in grade III handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 6f, heavy) with JEASSU (same terms) 12l 6th. GREY POWER beat Dizzy 6l in hurdle at Kelso (2m 110yd, soft).
Selection: FLAKEY DOVE (nap)

2.50 COVENTRY CITY NOVICES TRIAL HURDLE
(£7,068: 2m 4f 110yd) (10 runners)

1 404133 MASTER BOSTON 51 (D,S) (M Oldham) R Woodhouse 6-11-6 ... P Niven 75
2 0000 COME ON CHARLIE 35 (S Eaton) M Eckley 5-11-3 ... A Thornton –
3 00-06P CUMREWS NEPHEW 41 (B Cahill) R Brotherton 6-11-3 ... W Marston –
4 36/023 DO BE HAVE 11 (D Walker) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-3 ... J Osborne 86
5 0533-F2 OVER THE POLE 22 (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 7-11-3 ... P Hide 95
6 100/3 SHEARMAC STEEL 123 (BF,G) (Shearmac Steel Ltd) P Hobbs 7-11-3 ... G McCourt 71
7 1/213-2 STRONG CASE 167F (G) (Mrs L Sewell) M Pipe 6-11-3 ... J Lower –
8 022113 WELSH LUSTRE 12 (CD,S) (Mrs L Lovell) D Nicholson 5-11-1 ... A Maguire 85
9 135 SPRING MARATHON 57 (S) (Mrs N Dutfield) Mrs P Dutfield 4-10-12 ... P Holley 77
10 21 CYBORGO 22 (S) (County Stores Holdings Ltd) M Pipe 4-10-9 ... R Dunwoody

BETTING: 5-4 Cyborgo, 9-2 Over The Pole, 5-1 Strong Case, 6-1 Welsh Lustre, 8-1 Spring Marathon, 10-1 Do Be Have, Master Boston, 14-1 Shearmac Steel, 50-1 Come On Charlie, 66-1 Cumrews Nephew.

1993: TRIANGLOT 6-11-12 M Dwyer (2-7 fav) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

MASTER BOSTON 4l 3rd of 14 to Ivy House in handicap hurdle at Ayr (2m 6f, good to soft). DO BE HAVE 5½l 3rd of 4 to Corner Boy in novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (3m 110yd, soft). SHEARMAC STEEL 21½l 3rd of 17 to Corner Boy in novice hurdle at Worcester (2m 5f 110yd, good to firm). STRONG CASE 2l 2nd of 10 to Wolf Winter in National Hunt flat race at Galway (2m, good to yielding). WELSH LUSTRE 10½l 3rd of 8 to Friendly Fellow in novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 5f, heavy). SPRING MARATHON 25l 5th of 12 to Mysilv in grade I Finale Hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, heavy). CYBORGO beat OVER THE POLE (4lb better off) 8l in 24-runner novice hurdle at Nottingham (2m 5l 110yd, soft).
Selection: CYBORGO

3.20 WHITLENGE NOVICES CHASE (£6,710: 3m 2f) (4 runners)

1 35-2122 BOLLINGER 18 (BF,F,G,S) (R Eliot) J Gifford 8-11-6 ... P Hide 79
2 11130-1 LORD RELIC 19 (S) (Mrs H Clarke) M Pipe 8-11-6 ... R Dunwoody
3 341-F13 TARAMOSS 11 (S) (H Parker) J Edwards 7-11-6 ... A Maguire 63
4 133115 VELEDA II 32 (CD,F,G,S) (L Froomes) Mrs S Bramall 7-11-6 ... J Burke 73

BETTING: 4-7 Lord Relic, 9-4 Bollinger, 8-1 Veleda II, 12-1 Taramoss.

1993: BARTON BANK 7-11-12 R Dunwoody (2-11 fav) D Nicholson 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLLINGER 7l 2nd of 10 to Rouyan in novice chase at Stratford (3m, soft). LORD RELIC beat Sun Surfer distance in novice chase at Lingfield (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). TARAMOSS distance last of 3 to Honest Word in novice chase at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, soft). Previously beat Camglaive 15l in 7-runner novice chase at Huntingdon (3m, soft). VELEDA II beat Dorobo head in 7-runner handicap chase over course and distance (soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: LORD RELIC

3.50 WARWICK BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,493: 2m) (6 runners)

1 1P0-112 HERE HE COMES 53 (D,BF,G,S) (E Harrington) R Akehurst 8-12-0 ... S Ryan (7) 96
2 2112-31 HIGHLAND SPIRIT 18 (D,F,G,S) (T Richmond) M Pipe 6-10-11 ... R Dunwoody 97
3 566-250 WINNIE THE WITCH 11 (CD,F,G,S) K Bridgwater 10-10-8 ... D Bridgwater 98
4 243/3/5 NEAGH HOUSE 53 (D,G,S) (Mrs S Robins) A Tocsell 8-10-4 ... L Harvey –
5 111622 NORTHERN SADDLER 6 (CD,F,G,S) (R Evans) R Hodges 7-10-2 ... G McCourt
6 23-0P00 ANTI MATTER 6 (CD,F,G,S) (T Few) Mrs J Retter 9-10-0 ... Mr J Culloty (7) 93

Long handicap: Anti Matter 9-5.

BETTING: 2-1 Highland Spirit, 5-2 Northern Saddler, 3-1 Here He Comes, 6-1 Winnie The Witch, 10-1 others.

1993: JURZ 5-10-4 R Dunwoody (Evens fav) R Hodges 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

HERE HE COMES 3l 2nd to Nikitas in handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, soft) with NEAGH HOUSE (7lb better off) 17½l 5th. HIGHLAND SPIRIT beat Miami Splash neck in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, soft). WINNIE THE WITCH 39l 10th to Large Action in grade III handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, soft). NORTHERN SADDLER 3l 2nd to Edimbourg in handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, soft). ANTI MATTER tailed off last to Handy Lass in handicap hurdle at Taunton (2m 3l 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: NORTHERN SADDLER

4.20 SKY BLUE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,793: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners)

1 3/063-22 ELFAST 11 (C,D,F,G,S) (J Webber) J Webber 11-11-10 ... G McCourt 92
2 1-13213 TRIMLOUGH 33 (F,G,S) (R Perkins) P Dalton 9-11-8 ... W Marston 96
3 1-24112 CITY KID 18 (G,S) (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 9-11-0 ... P Hide (3) 96
4 P5P-420 FILE CONCORD 41 (B,CD,G,S) (Jet Stationery Co) Mrs J Pitman 10-10-9 ... 2nd pref 96
5 FP2513 RAFIKI 18 (C,F,G,S) (J Carrington) Mrs J Retter 9-10-0 ... R Dunwoody

☐ File Concord will run only if Folkestone is abandoned

BETTING: 7-4 Rafiki, 9-4 City Kid, 7-2 Trimlough, 9-2 Elfast

1993: SMARTIE EXPRESS 11-10-3 R Dunwoody (6-4 fav) R Hodges 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELFAST 2½l 2nd of 4 to Kentish Piper in handicap chase at Newbury (2m 4f, soft). TRIMLOUGH 16l 3rd of 8 to Northern Jinks in handicap chase at Kempton (2m, good to soft). CITY KID 2l 2nd of 5 to Lake Teereen in handicap chase at Chepstow (2m 3f 110yd, soft) with RAFIKI (1lb better off) distance 3rd. FILE CONCORD 7l 2nd of 4 to Shees Ability in handicap chase at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: ELFAST

4.50 OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,371: 2m) (22 runners)

1 1 THERMAL WARRIOR 67 (S) (C Oakley) J Old 6-11-10 ... Pat Thompson (7) –
2 0 BECKFORD 77 (Miss A Fleming) N Gaselee 5-11-3 ... C Llewellyn –
3 0 CHANCE DE LA VIE 13 (Miss C Horler) Miss C Horler 5-11-3 ... G Upton –
4 CONNAUGHT'S SECRET (B Collinson) Mrs D Haine 6-11-3 ... C Huggan (7) –
5 50 COUNTRY PARSON 15 (Major H Porter) J McConnochie 5-11-3 ... E Tolhurst (7) –
6 FENCING MASTER (M Barlow) Mrs I McKie 5-11-3 ... L Harvey –
7 8 HIZAL 13 (H Manners) H Manners 5-11-3 ... M Appleby (7) –
8 JOBINGO (G Price) G Price 6-11-3 ... Guy Lewis (5) –
9 MERRY BENVILLE (P Frost) R Hodges 6-11-3 ... G McCourt –
10 06 MOORE BONES 15 (D Gandolfo) D Gandolfo 6-11-3 ... P Holley –
11 WHAT'S YOUR STORY (J Wright) D Nicholson 5-11-3 ... R Massey (7) –
12 BUCKWHEAT BERTHA (Mrs D Haine) Mrs D Haine 5-10-12 ... Mr G Haine (7) –
13 COXWELL QUICK STEP (M Allsopp) Miss H Knight 5-10-12 ... Mr J M Pritchard –
14 0- KEYLU 379 (E Giddings) G Giddings 5-10-12 ... Mr S Mulcaire (7) –
15 0-0 MARINERS DANCE 55 (R Bozzington) R Bozzington 6-10-12 ... W Humphreys –
16 5 COUNTRY CONCORDE 15 (B Coles) C Jones 4-10-7 ... D Meredith (3) –
17 CROWN PROSECUTOR (D Deer) W Muir 4-10-7 ... M Richards –
18 HIGHLY REPUTABLE (W Gredley) M Pipe 4-10-7 ... R Dunwoody –
19 KINGS GAMBLE (A Gaona) M Barraclough 4-10-7 ... Ann Stokell –
20 MY BOY BARNEY (Mrs A Lodge) A Chamberlain 4-10-7 ... Lorna Vincent –
21 PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE (J Davis) R Hannon 4-10-7 ... A Maguire –
22 SPIKEE ROSE (K Pritchard) G Jones 4-10-2 ... P McLoughlin (7) –

BETTING: 3-1 Thermal Warrior, 4-1 Pre-Emptive Strike, 6-1 Highly Reputable, What's Your Story, 10-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Price	5	15	33.3	R Dunwoody	33	121	27.3
N Gaselee	11	36	30.6	M Dwyer	3	15	20.0
M Pipe	35	131	26.7	A Maguire	10	51	19.6
D Nicholson	21	94	22.3	G McCourt	8	46	17.4
Mrs J Pitman	16	87	18.4	J Osborne	12	79	15.2
R Hodges	4	22	18.2	L Harvey	4	34	11.8

Frost puts bite on fixtures

ARCTIC weather hit the turf racing programme again yesterday. The meeting at Huntingdon was called off because of frost, a fate which also befell today's scheduled fixture at Doncaster. Britain has now lost 58 meetings this National Hunt season, 14 since the start of last week.

Frost also threatens today's meeting at Warwick. Peter McNeile, the clerk of the course, said yesterday: "We still have pockets of frost on the track and the forecast, which had been quite encouraging, has turned against us. We will inspect at 7.15am."

However, there is better news from Folkestone. A course spokeswoman said: "All the snow has now cleared from the course. Unless there is particularly bad weather overnight we expect to race."

Tomorrow's fixture at Catterick is subject to a preliminary inspection at 9.30am today as there is snow on the course. Wincanton also has some snow on the track, but there are no plans to inspect.

☐ Because of the loss of The Times Rising Stars Hunter Chase qualifier at Huntingdon yesterday, the five overnight declarations will be eligible for the final at Newbury on March 25.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Northern Saddler (3.50 Warwick)
Next best: Queen's Chaplain (1.50 Warwick)

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Lingfield Park
Going: standard

2.20 (7f) 1, Wild Ace (J Weaver, 5-2 fav); 2, Papagayos (3-1); 3, Kindergarten Boy (7-2). 9 ran. 3l, 5l. N Graham. Tote £4.10; £2.30, £1.40, £1.10. DF: £6.10. CSF: £10.44.

2.60 (1m 4f) 1, Head Turner (Paul Eddery, 11-8 fav); 2, Kenyatta (5-2); 3, Teoroma (33-1). 10 ran. NR: Hallow Fair, Lexus, Mr Jazz Dancer. 1½l, 6l. C Widman. Tote: £2.70; £1.20, £1.70, £6.40. DF: £4.60. Trio: £83.30. CSF: £5.36. Tricast: £62.98.

3.20 (1m 2f) 1, Storm Free (L Dettori, 4-5 fav); 2, Manaarah (12-1); 3, Gold Blade (7-4). 6 ran. 2l, 3l. L Cottrell. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £4.50. DF: £15.10. CSF: £9.64.

3.50 (6f) 1, Thorny Bishop (T Williams, 7-1); 2, Riskie Things (8-1); 3, Allegrisnobran (11-4 fav). 7 ran. 3½l, hd. J Bridger. Tote: £7.90; £4.10, £3.40. DF: £24.90. CSF: £51.91.

4.20 (1m 2f) 1, Ringlet (M Hills, 9-2); 2, Mighty Wrath (5-1); 3, Lucknam Style (14-1). Can Can Charlie 7-2 fav. 10 ran. 6l, 1½l. B Hills. Tote: £3.70; £1.80, £1.70, £3.70. DF: £18.10. Trio: £136.90. CSF: £26.86. Tricast: £272.24.

4.50 (1m) 1, Doodies Pool (Paul Eddery, 11-2); 2, Medland (9-1); 3, Sarum (5-1). Sir Norman Holt 4-1 fav. 12 ran. Sh hd, nk. G L Moore. Tote: £10.60; £4.20, £2.20, £1.60. DF: £67.60. Trio: £223.60. CSF: £55.04. Tricast: £246.31.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £7,683.27 carried forward to Folkestone today).
Placepot: £151.90

☐ Huntingdon abandoned — frost

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.10 Merchant House. 2.40 Burn Bridge. 3.10 Yaakum. 3.40 Ling. 4.10 Vanart. 4.40 Malachite Green.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.40 BURN BRIDGE.

GOING: STANDARD SIS

2.10 SHIREBROOK MAIDEN HURDLE
(£1,484: 2m) (11 runners)

1 0343 ANDRATH 14 D Jones 6-11-7 ... W Humphreys
2 060 FERAL BAY 82 C Brooks 5-11-7 ... D Gallagher
3 0P FILTHY REESH 11 (B) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-7 ... T Jenks (3)
4 545F GILT DIMENSION 20 (D,G) E Buckley 7-11-7 ... L Reynolds (7)
5 6/2- MERCHANT HOUSE 12F R Weaver 6-11-7 ... R Guest
6 0/0- PIRATE BOY 495 W G M Turner 7-11-7 ... T Murphy (7)
7 0PFF SOLO CORNET 11 (D,G,S) P Bradley 9-11-7 ... Gary Lyons
8 0- DIANE'S PRIDE 307 W Clay 5-11-2 ... Mr B Leavy
9 3236 STAR MOVER 6 W G M Turner 5-11-2 ... R Darke (7)
10 05 GYMCRAK TIGER 32 G Holmes 4-10-11 ... R Marley
11 0003 DIGNIFIED 20 T Dyer 4-10-6 ... A Linton (7)

3-1 Feral Bay, 4-1 Dignified, 9-2 Merchant House, 6-1 Star Mover, 7-1 Gilt Dimension, 8-1 Gymcrak Tiger, 10-1 Andrath, 12-1 Solo Cornet, 16-1 others.

2.40 SULUK SELLING HURDLE (£1,690: 2m 2f) (6)

1 2111 BURN BRIDGE 7 (V,CD,F,G,S) T Caldwell 8-11-10 ... Peter Caldwell
2 F541 CHAGHATAI 7 (B,C,G) W Clay 8-11-10 ... Mr B Leavy
3 5312 GLOSSY 28 (CD,G) B McMahon 7-11-10 ... G Robertson (7)
4 -050 INVITE D'HONNEUR 96 (BF,G) C Broad 12-11-10 ... V Slattery
5 FF6F PYRO PENNANT 28 D Burchell 9-11-3 ... D J Burchell
6 00P0 ANNE CARTER 6 C Smith 5-10-12 ... M Ranger

Evens Burn Bridge, 9-2 Glossy, 5-1 Pyro Pennant, 6-1 Chaghatai, 7-1 Invite D'Honneur, 33-1 Anne Carter

3.10 THORPE NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,484: 2m 4f) (6)

1 -321 YAAKUM 44 (C,G) J Banks 5-11-10 ... S Keightley
2 5312 GLENFINN PRINCESS 70 (S) K Bridgwater 6-11-5 ... D Bridgwater
3 PF0- CHEQUE BOOK 264 W Mann 6-11-4 ... Mr D Verco
4 23 BOZO BAILEY 7 M Tompkins 4-10-7 ... R Campbell
5 4430 SOLOMAN SPRINGS 18 Mrs V Ward 4-10-7 ... R Davis (3)
6 P656 TANGO IN PARIS 7 (B) Mrs E Moscrop 4-10-7 ... S Curran (5)

2-1 Glenfinn Princess, 5-2 Yaakum, 100-30 Bozo Bailey, 6-1 Soloman Springs, 10-1 Tango In Paris, 33-1 Cheque Book.

3.40 RAINWORTH HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,925: 3m) (5)

1 0-60 LING 14 (C,BF,G,S) J Needham 9-11-10 ... R J Beggan
2 -125 BAHRAIN QUEEN 7 (F,G) C Smith 6-11-7 ... M Ranger
3 2003 TRUST DEED 7 (B,CD,F,G) Mrs A Knight 6-11-6 ... R Garritty
4 0442 ELDER PRINCE 7 (V,F,S) Ronald Thompson 8-10-1 ... G Harker
5 P0P- MICRONOVA 268 A James 8-10-0 ... R Bellamy

11-8 Trust Deed, 2-1 Bahrain Queen, 7-2 Ling, 4-1 Elder Prince, 33-1 Micronova.

4.10 OMPTON HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,812: 2m) (7)

1 3446 SAYMORE 28 (D,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 8-11-13 ... S Wynne (3)
2 3110 CLEEVELAND LADY 153 (D,BF,F,G) W G M Turner 7-11-12 ... R Darke (7)
3 45U1 VANART 14 (CD,G) W Haigh 5-11-2 ... R Garritty
4 0006 WINDWARD ARIOM 5F (B,D,F,G,S) K Burke 8-10-7 ... R Marley
5 3422 BALLERINA ROSE 4F (D,G) D Burchell 7-10-7 ... D J Burchell
6 1143 TRISTAN'S COMET 21 (CD,G) J Harris 7-10-6 ... D Gallagher
7 1104 STAR MARKET 18 (CD,G,S) Mrs P Joynes 4-10-4 ... T Wall

3-1 Ballerina Rose, Vanart, 7-2 Tristan's Comet, 5-1 Saymore, 6-1 Cleeveland Lady, 8-1 Star Market, 16-1 Windward Ariom

4.40 PLEASEY VALE NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£828: 2m) (13)

1 61 LINTON ROCKS 42 (G) T Thomson Jones 5-12-1 ... A Dicken (3)
2 20 SEAHAWK RETRIEVER 47 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-8 ... F Leahy (7)
3 0 FORBURIES 83 A James 5-11-3 ... F Leahy (7)
4 GOLF WORLD C Brooks 5-11-3 ... M Berry (7)
5 06- SKELTON LASS 368 J Parkes 5-11-3 ... C Woodall (7)
6 SNITTON STILE D Burchell 6-11-3 ... Mr S Blackwell
7 HIGH MOOD T George 4-10-12 ... T Jenks (3)
8 3 MALACHITE GREEN 14 R Hollinshead 4-10-12 ... S Wynne (3)
9 YOUWONNA B Preece 4-10-12 ... Mr S Joynes (7)
10 03 CROWTHER HOMES 28 E Alston 4-10-7 ... S Knott (7)
11 ROCKFORD LADY W G M Turner 4-10-7 ... R Darke (7)
12 SEALED WITH A KISS M Bell 4-10-7 ... D Bentley (3)
13 WELSH ORCHID Graham Richards 4-10-7 ... N Jockes (7)

7-2 Linton Rocks, 4-1 Crowther Homes, 5-1 Golf World, Malachite Green, 6-1 Seahawk Retriever, 10-1 Rockford Lady, Sealed With A Kiss, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Banks, 6 winners from 19 runners, 31.6%; T Thomson Jones, 9 from 34, 26.5%; R Hollinshead, 34 from 131, 26.0%; M Tompkins, 8 from 34, 23.5%; N Twiston-Davies, 4 from 17, 23.5%; W Haigh, 5 from 23, 21.7%.

JOCKEYS: R Garritty, 10 winners from 48 rides, 20.8%; S Wynne, 22 from 109, 20.2%; Gary Lyons, 18 from 94, 19.1%; Peter Caldwell, 4 from 22, 18.2%; S Keightley, 10 from 58, 17.2%; R Campbell, 5 from 30, 16.7%.

☐ Gay Ruffian, one of Martin Pipe's 17 entries for the Martell Grand National, was sold for 25,000 guineas at the Ascot Sales yesterday. Bernard McHugh, a civil engineer from Sevenoaks, is the new owner and his first racehorse will now be trained by Finbarr O'Mahony. McHugh said: "I think Gay Ruffian will win this year's Grand National."

FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER

1.55 Spuffington. 2.25 Yellow Spring. 2.55 AROUND THE HORN (nap). 3.25 Saint Ciel. 3.55 No Fizz. 4.25 Kovalevskia.

Brian Beel: 3.55 No Fizz.

GOING: GOOD (CHASE COURSE); GOOD TO SOFT (HURDLES) SIS

1.55 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £2,709: 2m 1f 110yd) (9 runners)

101 6521 SQUIRE SILK 51 (S) A Turnell 5-11-5 ... S McNeill 82
102 0 DENVER BAY 16 J Gifford 7-11-0 ... E Murphy –
103 52 GLENCARRIG GALE 114 D Gresell 6-11-0 ... Peter Hobbs 75
104 133P GOOD INSIGHT 82 (S) C Brooks 6-11-0 ... G Bradley 88
105 02- HARRISTOWN 352 K Bailey 6-11-0 ... N Williamson –
106 -343 SPUFFINGTON 15 J Gifford 6-11-0 ... D Murphy
107 4F HENRY'S SISTER 15 M Wilkinson 7-10-9 ... P Ward (7) –
108 043P MAKING TIME 26 G Humphrey 7-10-9 ... B Powell 71
109 /224 TOO SHARP 51 Miss H Knight 6-10-9 ... M A Fitzgerald 84

5-2 Spuffington, 4-1 Too Sharp, 9-2 Good Insight, 5-1 Squire Silk, 6-1 Glencarrig Gale, 7-1 Harristown, 14-1 Henry's Sister, Making Time, 25-1 Denver Bay

2.25 EBF NOVICES CHASE (£2,536: 2m 5f) (4)

201 3-11 YELLOW SPRING 14 (CD,F,G,S) D Gresell 9-12-0 ... Peter Hobbs
202 2320 LOBRIC 27 (B,D,F,G) J Jenkins 9-11-4 ... N Williamson 65
203 /43P NICKSLINE 19 J Gifford 8-11-4 ... D Murphy 83
204 /4-U YOUNG ALFIE 6 (B) J Panvert 9-11-4 ... Miss S Belcher 57

Evens Yellow Spring, 5-2 Lobric, 3-1 Nicksline, 9-2 Young Alfie

2.55 GAY RECORD CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,428: 2m) (6)

301 83P1 ATLAAL 13 (V,D,F,G,S) J Jenkins 9-12-0 ... S Smith Eccles 93
302 0P-P GREENHEART 29 (D,F,G) R Townsend 11-12-0 ... Mr P Bull 88
303 -420 FILE CONCORD 41 (B,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-4 ... D Murphy
304 -F21 AROUND THE HORN 75 (D,G,S) J Gifford 7-11-0 ... S McNeill 94
305 3113 DEXTRA DOVE 27 (D,F,G,S) R Alner 7-10-5 ... S Earle 94
306 3253 FRED SPLENDID 23 (D,S) R Hodges 11-10-0 ... B Powell 88

6-4 Around The Horn, 7-2 File Concord, 4-1 Atlaal, Dextra Dove, 12-1 Fred Splendid, 14-1 Greenheart

3.25 HYTHE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,553: 2m 1f 110yd) (12)

401 PP60 GIVEITAGO 51 (B,G) A Turnell 8-12-0 ... D Fortt (5) 91
402 3242 THE WHIP 28 D Grissell 7-11-11 ... Peter Hobbs 91
403 1521 SAINT CIEL 11 (S) F Jordan 6-11-10 ... R Supple 90
404 4044 BOLD STREET BLUES 28 J Bennett 7-11-6 ... J Railton 87
405 1 WITCHWAY NORTH 16 (V,D,S) H Collingridge 4-11-2 ... V Smith 80
406 560 SCOTTISH BALL 27 F Gray 5-10-12 ... M Crosse 98
407 0-30 CASTLE ORCHARD 11 P Hayward 10-10-4 ... M A Fitzgerald
408 P-0P FERRUFINO 18 P Rich 6-10-2 ... P McDermott –
409 P43R LETTS GREEN 7 R Curtis 6-10-2 ... D Morris 80
410 /0-3 AUGUST TWELFTH 19 D O'Brien 6-10-0 ... Mr Raymond White –
411 346P EMALLEN 26 (V) Mrs L Jewell 6-10-0 ... J Kavanagh 81
412 P/P0 GRAND COLONIST 26 R Dean 7-10-0 ... A Procter (3) –

7-2 Saint Ciel, 4-1 The Whip, 6-1 Scottish Ball, 7-1 Witchway North, 8-1 Bold Street Blues, 10-1 Giveitago, 16-1 August Twelfth, Letts Green, 20-1 others

3.55 TENTERDEN MAIDEN HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,501: 2m 5f) (10)

501 U0-0 BLACK ARROW 11B D O'Brien 7-12-7 ... Raymond White (7) –
502 5PU- CASPIAN FLYER 288 (B) A Mayham 11-12-7 ... P Hickman (7) –
503 121-P JAYSMITH 11P (F,G) J Poulton 8-12-7 ... C Gordon (7) –
504 4RF-P MISSILE RUN 118 (F) K Tork 10-12-7 ... M P Jones (7) –
505 3-P3 REGGIE 25P (V,G) R Wilkinson 12-12-7 ... A Hickman (7)
506 6/04 SONNENDEW 12 Miss P Russell 11-12-7 ... Mrs N Ledger (7) –
507 62/4 TOUSHTARI 18P W Hacking 8-12-7 ... P Hacking (3) –
508 F5-4 TRUNDLE 39P (B) J Dufosee 8-12-7 ... G Maundrell (7) –
509 /5-PP KNOWAFENCE 32P (B) Miss Scarlett J Crew 8-12-2 ... P MacEwan (5) –
510 12-1 NO FIZZ 39P (F,G,S) Mrs D Grissell 8-12-2 ... P Bull (7) –

☐ Form figures include point-to-points

7-4 No Fizz, 9-4 Toushtari, 7-2 Reggie, 6-1 Trundle, 10-1 Jaysmith, Sonnendew, 20-1 Black Arrow, 25-1 Caspian Flyer, Knowafence, Missile Run

4.25 FOLKESTONE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,427: 2m 6f 110yd) (11)

601 03-0 MORE OF IT 23 (G,S) M Roberts 9-12-0 ... N Williamson –
602 U4PF LEGAL BEAGLE 11 (H,G,S) G Harwood 7-11-9 ... M Perrett –
603 -F64 DERRING VALLEY 109 (B,D,F,G,S) A Jones 9-11-8 ... S McNeill 84
604 225 FOREST FEATHER 81 C Weedon 6-11-1 ... Peter Hobbs 86
605 3423 STYLE AND CLASS 26 R Rowe 5-10-13 ... C Burnett-Wells (5) 94
606 04-3 THE PAPPARAZI 13 (D,G,S) B Curley 14-10-12 ... D Murphy 95
607 2560 SMILING CHIEF 6 (B,G) R Hodges 6-10-5 ... M A Fitzgerald 93
608 0340 PUNCHBAG 46 (G,S) G Ham 8-10-3 ... B Powell
609 110- KOVALEVSKIA 8F (G,S) D Wilson 9-10-2 ... Miss P Jones (5) 93
610 323/ ATTIKI 1992 (BF,F) R Phillips 12-10-1 ... Gee Armytage –
611 5-05 VILLA PARK 16 (F,S) C Wareham 12-10-0 ... N Williamson 82

11-4 Kovalevskia, 3-1 The Papparazi, 5-1 Style And Class, 8-1 Forest Feather, 10-1 Legal Beagle, 12-1 Derring Valley, Punchbag, 14-1 Attiki, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Harwood, 4 winners from 8 runners, 50.0%; Miss H Knight, 3 from 9, 33.3%; D Grissell, 11 from 47, 23.4%; R Rowe, 7 from 32, 21.9%; J Gifford, 15 from 81, 18.5%; R Curtis, 3 from 29, 10.3%.

JOCKEYS: C Burnett-Wells, 3 winners from 16 rides, 18.8%; R Supple, 3 from 17, 17.6%; D Murphy, 10 from 59, 16.9%; B Powell, 6 from 36, 16.7%; Peter Hobbs, 4 from 24, 16.7%; J Railton, 5 from 31, 16.1%.

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Batsmen left shell-shocked by ferocity of Walsh's attack

England hunt for escape route

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA

EMOTIONS have run high here in the past 24 hours, but none has been stronger than shock. On Monday evening, England's batsmen were treated to a chilling rendition of that same old West Indian song: fast bowling, brutal and brilliant. If a single session can decide a Test series, there is cause to fear that this one may already have done so.

With two days of this opening Test remaining, England still trail by 93 with four second-innings wickets lost. Many a match has been saved from such a position but the stark recall of those two bloodthirsty hours is enough to convince all but the most myopic that it cannot happen this time.

Michael Atherton disagrees, as his position dictates he must, but even he was moved to describe his harrowing innings on Monday as "the most testing two hours of my life". He began it as a player on top of his game, positive and assured. He ended it like a brave but outpointed boxer, with eyes glazed and legs barely capable of carrying him from the ground.

Atherton was hit about the body, had the grille of his helmet broken and was dumped on his backside. His dignity and courage survived but his wicket did not.

Being singled out for special treatment is a mark of respect the West Indies bowlers reserve for opposing captains and obdurate characters. Atherton qualified on both counts and was consequently roughed up in spectacular style. He had expected the attention but nothing could prepare him for its ferocity.

Courtney Walsh, at 31 still capable of bowling as fast and aggressively as anyone else in the world, trod close to the borders of legitimacy but never trespassed into unfair play.

Walsh varied his angle, length and pace to startling effect. Restricted to one bouncer per over, he made them all count and, in between times, showed the existing regulation can never deprive a resourceful fast bowler by aiming unerringly at an area between the chest and the nose.

It was intimidating to watch, let alone to face, but could not be classified as unfair. His was a magnificent, destructive spell, one that may prove to have fractured the self-belief of this England side. "I think any team in the world would have struggled against that," Richie Richardson, the West Indies captain, said. "I can't remember seeing him bowl more aggressively."

REBECCA NADEN



Down, but not yet out. Atherton goes to ground in acrobatic style to avoid a bouncer at the height of Walsh's bombardment

England brought a team of tyros to the Caribbean, its innocence regarded as a blessing. On the evidence to date, it is more a case of its gullibility being a curse. England's cricket in this game has been flawed from conception to execution and, such is the momentum of a West Indian side that gains ascendancy, they may now find it impossible to regroup.

The selectors chose the wrong side, for which Atherton must shoulder his share of the blame. Graham Thorpe's promotion to No 3 was whimsical, Chris Lewis's inclusion nonsensical. Steve Watkin should certainly have played, a reliable factor within an attack riddled with uncertainty, and even if Phil Tufnell did not obtain much turn on this barren Sabina Park pitch, he would have contained far more effectively than this ill-conceived seam quartet.

Lewis can no longer command credibility as the token all-rounder. In the last two calendar years, his 12 Test appearances have yielded a batting average of 22 and a bowling average of almost 50. His bowling in this game was clueless. After being chastised for a series of half-volleys, he switched to long-hop length and then had the gall to argue with the captain about it when he received duly dismissive treatment.

He was, however, not alone in ignoring the disciplines of bowling in basically unhelpful conditions, nor in batting without any clear acquaintance with the manuals of technique and good sense.

It is this technical bankruptcy, perpetuated despite the months of preparation and specialist coaching, that was rightly depressing every England supporter yesterday.

As they sought consolation, talk turned inevitably to Graeme Hick, unbeaten overnight and the possessor of a Test average of 54 during the past 12 months. Other than Atherton, who was superb under fire, Hick coped with the short ball as well as anyone else and better, surprisingly, than Robin Smith, so devastated by his two failures here that he is intent on regrowing the moustache he shaved off last week.

Hick has not made fewer than 20 in any of his last 12 innings for England but he has still managed only one century. A second, today, is a prerequisite if England, with only Thorpe, carrying a bruised right hand, as a batsman of consequence to come, are to have the slightest hope of escaping from Kingston with their dreams intact.

SABINA PARK SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND: First Innings 234 (A J Stewart 70, M A Atherton 55, K C G Benjamin 6 for 66)

Second Innings

*M A Atherton c Adams b Walsh	28
A J Stewart run out	19
R A Smith c Murray b Walsh	0
G A Hick not out	24
M P Maynard c Murray b W K M Benjamin	0
†R C Russell not out	6
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (4 wkts)	80

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-39, 3-58, 4-63

BOWLING: Ambrose 8-2-18-0, Walsh 14-5-35-2, W K M Benjamin 8-2-21-1, K C G Benjamin 2-0-5-0

WEST INDIES: First Innings

D L Haynes c Thorpe b Malcolm	4
P V Simmons c Russell b Caddick	5
*R B Richardson c Maynard b Malcolm	5
B C Lara b Hick	63
K L T Arthurton c Lewis b Malcolm	126
J C Adams not out	95
†J R Murray lbw b Ingleseden	34
W K M Benjamin b Caddick	38
C E L Ambrose b Caddick	0
K C G Benjamin b Lewis	0
C A Walsh lbw b Lewis	0
Extras (lb 10, w 1, nb 3)	14
Total	407

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-12, 3-23, 4-167, 5-256, 6-319, 7-369, 8-389, 9-390

BOWLING: Malcolm 23-3-113-3, Caddick 29-5-96-3 (nb 3), Lewis 26-4-82-2 (nb 1, w 1), Ingleseden 24-5-93-1, Hick 21-4-55-1

Umpires: I D Robinson (Zimbabwe) and S A Bucknor (West Indies)

Reeve has capacity to conjure further surprises

FROM DAVID TOWNSEND
IN NAIROBI

DERMOT Reeve knows a thing or two about one-day cricket. So, when the coach of Hong Kong announces that his side can lose three of its next five ICC Trophy matches and still qualify for the World Cup finals, it must be possible.

Reeve has worked out that one win from three matches, allied to a superior run-rate, could be enough to take Hong Kong into second place in a very competitive quarter-final group. Reeve's team can then lose its semi-final and still have a crack at the third World Cup vacancy in a play-off on March 5.

This is the most underdogs Hong Kong can realistically hope for with strong batsmen but a weak attack in a quartet containing Holland, Bangladesh and Kenya, who are each capable of winning the Trophy outright.

While the pre-tournament favourites, Holland, have been methodical and exact. Kenya rushed to top spot in group C on an adrenalin surge, with talent and flair compensating for ill-discipline and atrocious fielding.

Kenya will struggle against Holland and could easily lose to a Bangladesh side that showed great resilience in beating the United States. Nairobi will come to a standstill if a semi-final place hangs on the final match with Holland next Sunday.

The second grouping is weaker but equally hard to predict. While the United Arab Emirates look certain to reach the last four, a case can be made for Bermuda, Ireland or Canada to join them.

The home-grown Bermudans (mistakenly referred to as mainly West Indian in an earlier report) have done nothing outstanding despite winning all four qualifying matches.

Ireland have yet to have a close game, dismissing lesser challengers and losing to Holland by 70 runs. They must do without their injured captain, Stephen Warke, and the big-hitting batsman, Decker Curry.

The odds are on Holland, Bangladesh, UAE and Canada to reach the semi-finals, but Ireland's luck is due to change — and it is always unwise to write off Reeve.

TODAY: Holland v Bangladesh; Kenya v Hong Kong; Ireland v United Arab Emirates; Canada v Bermuda. Feb 25: Holland v Hong Kong; Kenya v Bangladesh; Ireland v Bermuda; Canada v United Arab Emirates. Feb 27: Holland v Kenya; Bangladesh v Hong Kong; Ireland v Canada, United Arab Emirates v Bermuda.

Bowlers helpless in face of Border's onslaught

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

AUSTRALIA gave a vastly improved batting performance to beat South Africa by 88 runs in the third one-day international at St George's Park, Port Elizabeth, yesterday to reduce their deficit in the eight-match series to 2-1.

David Boon and Dean Jones laid the foundations of a challenging Australian total, on a perfect batting pitch and under cloudless skies, with a second-wicket partnership of 123 during which Jones, who scored 67, became only the fifth batsman to pass 6,000 runs in one-day internationals.

Mark Waugh contributed an elegant 60 from 55 balls while Allan Border, grateful to have won the toss in such ideal conditions, brought the innings to a rousing climax by scoring an unbeaten 40, including three sixes and four fours, from 17 balls.

When South Africa went in, seeking 282 for victory, vice-captain Hansie Cronje, with 45, was top scorer for the third successive game. While he and Jonty Rhodes (36) were adding 66 for the third wicket, South Africa were very much in the game.

But the Waugh brothers made the vital breakthrough and although Adrian Kuiper threatened a recovery with another whirlwind innings, scoring 33 from 16 deliveries, Warne made short work of the tail to finish with four for 36 while McDermott had three for 35 as South Africa were bundled out in 43 overs.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA

M A Taylor c Richardson b de Villiers	2
D C Boon b de Villiers	76
D M Jones run out	67
M E Waugh c Rhodes b Matthews	60
C J McDermott run out	15
S R Waugh c Matthews b Donald	18
*A R Border not out	40
†I A Healy not out	1
Extras (lb 1, w 1)	2
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	281

P R Reiffel, S K Warne and G D McGrath did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-135, 3-180, 4-198, 5-233, 6-276.

BOWLING: De Villiers 10-1-55-2; Matthews 10-1-48-1; Donald 10-0-60-1; Cronje 10-1-62-0; Symcox 4-0-25-0; Kuiper 6-0-32-0

SOUTH AFRICA

P N Kirsten c McGrath b Warne	27
G Kirsten b McDermott	6
W J Cronje c McDermott b S R Waugh	45
J N Rhodes c Healy b M E Waugh	36
*K C Wessels run out	5
A P Kuiper b McDermott	33
†D J Richardson not out	23
P L Symcox c Boon b Warne	4
C R Matthews b Warne	0
P S de Villiers b Warne	4
A A Donald b McDermott	0
Extras (lb 6, nb 4)	10
Total (43 overs)	193

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-49, 3-115, 4-125, 5-127, 6-165, 7-178, 8-181, 9-188

BOWLING: McDermott 10-1-35-3, McGrath 7.2-1-7-0; Reiffel 8-0-40-1; Warne 10-0-36-4; S R Waugh 4-0-33-1; M E Waugh 4-0-26-1

Man of the match: M E Waugh (Australia).
Umpires: C Mitchley and R Koertzen.

Athletes turn sports halls into discos

David Powell on the use of loud music and crowd involvement to create the mood for better performance

While Torvill and Dean faced the music and danced on Monday, some of the world's best athletes were preparing to face the music and jump. In Hamar, it was *Irving Berlin playing at the* Olympic ice rink. In Wavertree, Liverpool, tomorrow, it will be Carter The Unstoppable Sex Machine booming across the sports hall.

For those familiar with Carter USM, the number chosen by Brendan Reilly as his inspiration to perform well in Britain's first high jump-to-music competition is "The Only Living Boy In New Cross". "Not a well-known piece," Reilly, the AAA indoor champion, admits.

But he has experimented with Vanilla Ice, Snap, and music from the film *Rocky*. "After three or four plays they are boring for the crowd," Reilly has concluded from trying them in competitions overseas. He thinks he has finally cracked it with Carter.

"It starts slowly then suddenly the music kicks in loud and fast," Reilly says. "It will get me going and get the crowd going." High jumpers compete best to music when they can sense the crowd participating with them.

"The music is not just for the jumper," Reilly says. "If the crowd gets excited, it helps psyche up the jumper. I select my music, first, to get the crowd going and, second, as something I am going to enjoy."

Jumping-to-music has been flourishing in Germany since 1979, and in one of ten such events held there annually, Steve Smith set a Commonwealth record of 2.38 metres three weeks ago. Lenny Kravitz helped him over.

Smith is among those who will compete in Wavertree, just ten minutes' drive from his home, and approval for the event as a serious competition, not merely a gimmick, comes with the appearance of Javier Sotomayor, The Cuban has spent more time at No 1 than any Mersey pop group.

During the past five years he has set indoor and outdoor world records, won indoor and outdoor world titles and taken Olympic gold.

Sotomayor is no newcomer to jumping-to-music, having cleared 2.40 metres in Wuppertal to defeat Smith. Sotomayor has been in outstanding form again this season but Smith, as confident a 20-year-old as you could meet, believes that he could leap from No 2 tomorrow.

Jumping-to-music began in the then Czechoslovakia in 1969. The high jump was an event in which Czechoslovakia showed promise and officials wanted to help its development. Sure enough, four years later, Jiri Palkovsky won a European indoor silver medal.

The early years in Prague and Berlin offered music more as a background than as a tool for motivation. Now the music is played disco-loud.

"It is the modern way of demonstrating athletics: direct contact between jumper and spectator." Wolfgang Killing, the Wuppertal meeting director, said. "The jumper knows that everything is concentrated on him and, if he enjoys the music, he feels good."

Athletics aficionados will remember how Willie Banks, the triple jump world record-holder, used to draw momentum from the rhythmic clapping of spectators. The idea has caught on, not only in high jumping, but also in sprinting.

In Moscow last weekend, sprinters in the junior international between Russian and German teams ran to the sound of a loud rhythm that gathered speed as their race progressed.

As an unratified event, jumping-to-music has been going on in Britain for years. There is nothing like it for a good night at the disco. Reilly, though, got carried away during an evening out 16 months ago and broke a foot while he was jumping up and down to the sounds of Madness.

He has made a full recovery. At least his jumping has. Whether the same can be said for his taste in music cannot be judged until after our introduction tomorrow to Carter The Unstoppable Sex Machine.

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Showdown may become sideshow

FROM MICHAEL COLEMAN
IN HAMAR, NORWAY

NOBODY can object to the billing given to the women's figure skating contest, which begins here tonight, as "The greatest ice show of all time". If it is not, what was? Even Norwegians, whose interest in the discipline ended in 1936 when Sonja Henie retired to show business after winning her third Olympic gold medal and tenth world title, will be glued to their television sets.

The cast is from the best of Broadway and the *Folies Bergère* combined, and millions — from Australia to Alaska — will watch on television.

The 500 or so media people here from North America, many of whom will not get in the arena, regard it as Tonya Harding versus Nancy Kerrigan, the final decider between the two women who have been avoiding each other since a hitman, allegedly hired on Harding's behalf, disabled Kerrigan with a blow to a knee on January 6 before the United States championships in Detroit.

Until that assault and the media pressure that instantly descended on her and has persisted, Kerrigan was a strong contender for the Olympic gold medal. She had won the pre-Olympic event here last November when only Oksana Bayul, from Ukraine, the world champion, was missing from the line-up. A lot of snow has come down from the heavens since.

Sharing the same practice ice here, as was obligatory, but ignoring each other, the form of both women has gradually deteriorated. It picked up whenever one or the other took the day off. According to Harding, who won her national title in Kerrigan's enforced absence, they have met once here and exchanged words, but what they were remained confidential.

It is extraordinary that in the draw made yesterday for the starting positions in the opening technical programme tonight for the 27 competitors, Harding was picked No 8 and Kerrigan 26, keeping them as far apart as ever. Assuming both survive the eight elements they will have to skate, they should be much closer in the closing free programme on Friday.

The competition is daunting. As well as Bayul, who was drawn 24, there is the formidable Surya Bonaly (17), of France, the leaf-light Lu Chen (22), of China, Josee Chouinard (18), of Canada, and, from Japan, Yuka Sato (25).

The one reinstated professional in the field, Katarina Witt, the Olympic champion in 1984 and 1988, and now 28, has had the bad luck to draw position four. With so many high-flyers still to come — many more than in any previous Olympics or world championship — the skill of the judges, who must leave room for the later skaters in their marks, might well be overstretched.

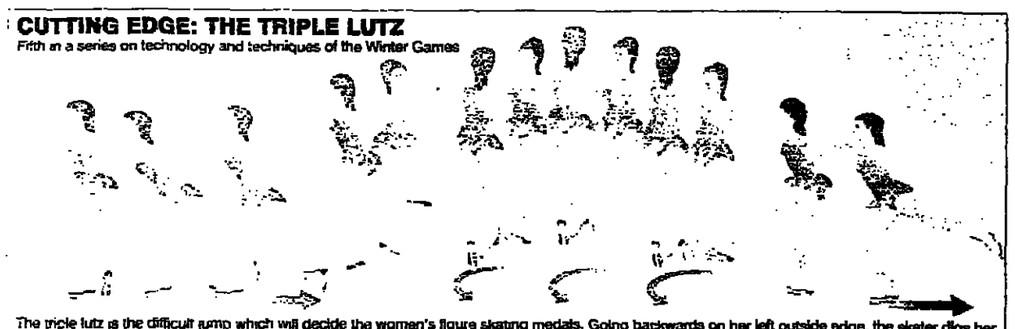
The sport has yet to equip itself to cater for star-studded shows such as this, where seeding ought to be provided. Witt, the German whose athletic skill and allure would still leave her in the frame when it came to choosing the top six, could suffer from appearing far too early. Attired as one of Robin Hood's merry men, she will, as one of the sport's wealthiest performers, hope to rob the poor, if not of a medal, then at least of most of the spotlight.

Deciding the positions before Friday will be the quality of combination jump the women deliver tonight and whether it includes the triple lutz. Witt and the British entrant, Charlene von Saher, an elegant outsider, will play safe and avoid it while the rest take the gamble.

Judging from practice sessions, Bonaly is the clear favourite, though she must resist the temptation to show off her quadruple toe loop. Lu Chen, the bronze medal-winner at the last two world championships, and Sato have been sharpening up quietly without the burden of the incessant press grillings those who speak English have been forced to endure.

CUTTING EDGE: THE TRIPLE LUTZ

Fifth in a series on technology and techniques of the Winter Games



The triple lutz is the difficult jump which will decide the women's figure skating medals. Going backwards on her left outside edge, the skater digs her right toe into the ice and rotates anti-clockwise, against the natural direction of her body. After making three 360° turns in the air she lands on a right back outside edge. Most jumps are landed on a back outside edge as it is the most stable landing position. Blades have teeth at the front called toe rakes or picks. In free skating, blades with bigger toes are used.

RESULTS FROM THE WINTER OLYMPICS

ICE HOCKEY

9-12 PLACE PLAY-OFF: Austria 4 France 4 (France won penalty shoot-out 4-1)

NORDIC SKIING

MEN, 4x10km cross-country relay: 1, Italy 1:41:15.0; 2, Norway 1:41:15.4; 3, Finland 1:42:15.6; 4, Germany 1:43:26.1; 5, Russia 1:44:26.2; 6, Sweden 1:46:22.7; 7, Switzerland 1:47:12.2; 8 Czech Republic 1:47:12.6; 9, Kazakhstan 1:47:47.3; 10, France 1:48:29.1

Norway 938.2; 5, Finland 869.5; 6, France 822.1; 7, Czech Republic 800.7; 8, Italy 752.3; 9, Slovenia 739.4; 10, Sweden 653.3

SPEED SKATING

SHORT TRACK: Men: 1,000m: First round (first two in each heat qualify for quarter-finals): First heat: 1, M Gagnon (Can) 1:32.52; 2, K Hansen (Aus) 1:32.96; 3, M Wallenius (Fin) 1:33.51; 4, B-O Barchuluun (Mongolia) 1:40.41. Second heat: 1, A Gabel (US) 1:32.32; 2, R Nuoskio (Aus) 1:32.45; 3, M Johansson (Swe) 1:32.50; 4, M McMillan (NZ) 1:32.65. Third heat: 1, S Terao (Japan) 1:31.11; 2, N Gooch (GB) 1:32.05; 3, J Coyle (US) 1:32.92; 4, I Oserov (Russ) 1:44.38. Fourth heat: 1, K Ki-hoon (S Kor) 1:33.63; 2, E Rizm (US) 1:33.71; 3, E Duyvesteyn (Hol) 1:34.37. Fifth heat: 1, F Blackburn (Can) 1:32.11; 2, O Fagone (It); 1:32.19; 3, S Kobyzev (Russ) 1:33.07; 4, A Nicholson (NZ) 1:34.18. Sixth heat: 1, L Jun-ho (S Kor) 1:33.67; 2, Li Lianli (China) 1:34.52; 3, S Bradbury (Aus) 2:01.89; G Blanchair (Bel) disqualified. Seventh heat: 1, D Campbell (Can) 1:33.00; 2, Li Jiaun (China) 1:33.14; 3, W O'Reilly (GB) 1:33.57; 4, B Loscos (Fr) 1:33.93. Eighth heat: 1, C Ji-hoon (S Kor) 1:32.11; 2, B Elgetun (Nor) 1:32.35; 3, J Uematsu (Japan) 1:32.67; 4, C Nicholson (NZ) 1:34.91.

MEDALS TABLE

	G	S	B	T
Russia	3	7	9	19
Norway	8	7	2	16
Italy	4	3	8	15
Germany	5	2	6	13
United States	4	3	0	7
Canada	2	2	2	6
Austria	1	2	3	6
Holland	0	1	3	4

SKI JUMPING

HIGH HILL TEAM EVENT: 1, Germany 970.1; 2, Japan 956.9; 3, Austria 912.0; 4,

TODAY

All times GMT

08.30: Skiing, men's giant slalom, first run.
09.00: Biathlon, women's 7.5km.
10.30: Nordic combined, team 90m ski jumping.
12.00: Biathlon, men's 10km.
12.30: Men's giant slalom, second run.
14.00: Ice hockey, quarter-final.
15.00: Speed skating, women's 1,000m.
15.30: Ice hockey, quarter-final.
18.00: Ice skating, women's technical programme.
18.30: Ice hockey, quarter-final.
20.00: Ice hockey, quarter-final

TELEVISION: BBC2: 14.15-15.50; 20.00-21.00; 23.15-28.55.

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10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9376588) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (3839323)

10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine programme (38525491)

12.15 Pebble Mill with music from the Proclaimers (s) (9611520) ***12.55 Regional News** and weather* (55620588)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (92762) **1.30 Neighbours** *(Ceefax) (s) (49615236)* ***1.50* The Great British Quiz** (s) (49618052)

2.15 Hawaii Five-O. Vintage police series starring Jack *Lord (r) (5187255)*

3.05 Best of British. Compilation of clips from classic British films (5151675)

3.30 Barney Bear Double-Bill (9883878) **3.45 SuperTed** (r) (7397101) **3.55 Bitsa** (s) (9862385) **4.10 Jackanory:** *Sink or Swim* by Ghillian Potts, narrated by Rowena King (s) *(6024975)* **4.20 Popeye and Son** (7982694) **4.35 The Really Wild Show**. Michaela Strachan looks at dormice and Howie Watkins meets a leopard gecko. (Ceefax) (s) (6512304)

5.00 Newsround (8878385) **5.10 Earthfasts**. The first episode in a five-part mystery (s) (2841101)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (636781) **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (120)

6.30 Regional news magazines (472)

7.00 FILM: Solarwarriors (1986) *starring Jami Gertz* and Jason Patric. Science-fiction adventure. A group of rollerskating teenaged orphans begins a *dangerous* quest. Directed by Alan Johnson. (Ceefax) (66033)

8.30 The Detectives with Jasper Carrott and Robert *Powell as the inept policemen. When a member of* the aristocracy is found dead, detectives Louis and Briggs are sent to investigate (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6675)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (5781)

9.30 CHOICE **The Underworld: Getting Away with Murder**. (Ceefax) (s) (795168)



Cleavon Little as the new sheriff (10.20pm)

10.20 FILM: Blazing Saddles (1974). Gene Wilder and *Cleavon Little star in Mel Brooks's comic western.* The good people of Rock Ridge are aghast when a black sheriff arrives in town. However, he proves to *be their saviour. (Ceefax) (5592878) 10.20-12.05* **Northern Ireland:** Film: Biloxi Blues

11.50 Best of British. A compilation of clips about the *occult (974878)* **Wales:** *International Squash 12.20-12.45* Best of British **12.15am Weather** (4005908)

2.15-3.45 BBC Select: Accountancy Television *(879873) 3.15 Legal Network Television (41298)*

4.00-4.45 BBC Select: TV Edits German 2 TV8 (7188250) **5.45-6.00** Business Monthly TV3 (70809)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: The US in the 20th Century (7683101) **7.35** Running the Country (8024168)

8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (2967217)

8.15 Westminster Daily (7939385)

9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20** The Adventures of Buzzy Bee and Friends (58838052) **1.25** Fireman Sam (58837323) **1.30-1.40** Stoppit and Tidyup (60507743)

2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Storytime** (s) (11050014)

***2.15* Olympic Grandstand**. *Steve Rider and Sue Barker* introduce action from the final of the men's giant slalom, the women's 1,000m speed-skating, men's *and women's biathlon and the ski-jumping section* of the Nordic combined team event. Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **3.00** and **3.50** (835859) and (7392656)

4.00 Today's the Day. News quiz with Martyn Lewis (s) (385)

4.30 People of the Valley. *Drama series. In Welsh with* English subtitles (s) (897) **Wales:** Macgregor's Scotland (r)

5.00 Catchword. *Word game with Paul Coia (s)* (9526)

5.30 The World of Wines. First of two programmes looking at the chateaux and vineyards of the *Bordeaux region of France* (149)

6.00 Olympic Grandstand. Includes Tonya Harding's performance in the ladies' technical programme (76675)

7.00 Def II: Reportage – Stardom. An investigation into people's quest for fame. Featuring East 17 and D:Ream (s) (512694)

7.40 East: Islands Apart. A look at the unrest between Trinidad's African and Indian communities. Including a profile of the Indian politician accused of fomenting the rift. (Ceefax) (s) (157385)

8.10 Olympic Grandstand. Steve Rider and Sue Barker introduce action from the women's figure skating competition, plus highlights from the ice-hockey quarter-finals (5061453)

9.15 CHOICE **The Day Today** (Ceefax) (s) (836007)



Michael Palin on motoring madness (9.45pm)

9.45 CHOICE **Open Space: Car Sick** (Ceefax) (s) (703205) Followed by **Sarajevo – a Street Under Siege**

10.35 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (510859)

***11.20* Olympic Grandstand** *(115588)*

11.55 Weather (857897)

12.00 Endgame. Full-length production of Samuel Beckett's play (555163). Ends at **1.40am** (2836873)

2.00-4.00 Night School: Mathspy (18637)

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CHOICE

Open Space Special: Car Sick
BBC2, 9.45pm

Michael Palin, president of the environmental pressure group Transport 2000, mounts his soap box to present an alternative to the tyranny (as he sees it) of the motor car. Enough, *Palin says*, of traffic jams, pollution, deaths and injuries. There must be a coherent transport policy which gives people choices *about how they travel and frees them from dependence* on their cars. The programme praises local initiatives in York, Manchester, Leicester and South Wales. But *for a national policy the film has to go to The* Netherlands. Palin and his supporters want the Government to forget 14-lane motorways, encourage the cyclist and beef up public transport. They point out that the third of households with no access to a car have to rely on trains and buses anyway.



Rise and fall of Charlie Richardson (BBC1, 9.30pm)

Underworld: Getting Away With Murder
BBC1, 9.30pm

The history of British crime reaches the gang wars of the 1960s. Once again the star witness is "Mad" Frankie Fraser. Last week Frankie was a mere thief. *Tonight he has joined the Richardson gang, a move* described by an associate as "like China getting the atom bomb". Starting with scrap metal, the Richardson brothers built up a huge south London empire based on fraud and violence. North of the river a rival firm, the Krays, looked on enviously. But the threatened confrontation never took place. The demise of the Richardsons is an extraordinarily complicated story which the film struggles to make intelligible. Part of the trouble is that the old lags are less comfortable *with words than they were with their guns.*

Working Parts: After You've Gone
Channel 4, 9.45pm

A new slot for young film-makers is launched with a diverting piece by Beryl Richards about the *extraordinary instructions which people include in* their wills. One request was to be buried with the chassis, gearstick and wing mirrors of a favourite Ford Anglia. A man left £26,000 to be paid to Jesus Christ in the event of a second coming. There has been no shortage of claimants. Another bequest was to be spent on the deceased's donkey. Richly filling her allotted 11 minutes, Richards gives these and similarly unlikely wills inventive visual embellishment. She made the film soon after graduating from art college. Not surprisingly, she has since directed episodes of *Brookside* and *EastEnders*.

The Day Today
BBC2, 9.00pm

The news and current affairs spoofers round off their series with another enjoyable show that stops some way short of being a memorable one. Even Steve Coogan's Alan Partridge, the droning sports reporter, seems a little off-form. The reason why *The Day Today* is less funny than it threatens may have something to do with the fact that it is satirising format rather than content. *Have I Got News For You* or Radio 4's *The News Quiz* are funny because they engage directly with the actual news. *The Day Today* is more *concerned to send up the delivery of newscasters or the* conventions of investigative reporting. It does so splendidly but the show needs more. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (3920323)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. Celebrity game show (s) (8093120) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3815743)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . John Stapleton chairs a topical discussion (s) (2759743)

10.35 This Morning. Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley present the weekday features magazine (38519830) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8409743)

12.30 Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (3543168)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (s) (3528859) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (97224588) **1.55 The Chrystal Rose Show** Should boxing be banned? (s) (79645930)

2.25 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in a small Australian town (s) (43352385) **2.50 The Young Doctors** Hospital drama (3835120)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (8607323) **3.25 London Today** *(Teletext) and weather (8606694)*

3.30 Tots TV (s) (9887694) **3.40 Allsorts** (s) **3.50 The Adventures of Grady Greenspace** (9881410) **4.05 Scooby Doo** (r) (9588930) **4.15 Terror Towers** presented by Steve Johnson (s) (797675) **4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures** (6503656)

5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (5128897)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet (Teletext) and weather (960385)

6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (63101)

7.00 This Is Your Life introduced by Michael Aspel. (Teletext) (s) (3588)



Robert Whelan confronts Eva Pope (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Tanya gets a shock when her father appears at the Rovers. (Teletext) (s) (192)

8.00 Live Football Matthew Lorenzo introduces coverage of the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final second leg match between Sheffield Wednesday and Manchester United. With commentary by Brian Moore and Kevin Keegan (2946)

●**NB** In the event of the match running into extra time, subsequent programme times will be subject to alteration

10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) and weather (46946) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (403728)

10.40 FILM: Burning Bridges (1990) starring Meredith Baxter-Birney and Nick Mancuso. A wife refuses to end an affair with her doctor. Directed by Sheldon Larry (27906168)

12.30 Brits – Backstage Pass. Highlights of the 1994 awards (42057)

1.30 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip with *Richard Jobson and Karen Krizanovich (s) (57328)*

2.00 The Chrystal Rose Show. As 1.55pm (s) (81434)

2.30 The Album Show (s)(93502)

3.30 Videofashion. Includes a visit to New York's Boss Model Agency (84521)

4.00 Reap the Whirlwind. Drama serial (r) (52279)

5.00 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (93778)

5.30 ITN Morning News (72502). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (r) (6899656)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (82385)

9.00 Sabotage (s) (56323)

9.30 Schools. Videomath (6646975) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (3865746) **10.02** Science Start Here! (4235781) **10.18** Mind Your Own Business (4221588) **10.40** Technology Programme (1658168) **10.56** Film and Video Showcase (1318781) **11.07** Time for Maths (7262859) **11.18** Mathsbook (7286439) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat! (3347878) **11.45** Junior Technology (3335033)

12.00 House to House with Maya Even (43859)

12.30 Sesame Street with guests Johnny Cash and En *Vogue (42520)*

1.30 The Magic Roundabout followed by *Mr Men, Quaq Quao* and *Musti (r)* (85323)

2.00 FILM: This Is My Affair *(1937, b/w) Historical* drama starring Robert Taylor as a naval officer who becomes involved with a saloon singer (Barbara *Stanwyck) while trying to infiltrate a gang of bank* robbers. Directed by William A. Seiter (221507)

3.50 Magoo's Young Manhood Cartoon (2815675)

3.55 Memento. *Dame Kiri Te Kanawa talks to Joan* Bakewell (r). (Teletext) (6366120)

4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (965)

***5.00* The Oprah Winfrey Show.** America's favourite agony aunt talks to British women who have had near-death experiences during childbirth (s). (Teletext) (8076149)

5.50 Laurel and Hardy Animation (618526)

6.00 Mork and Mindy. Mork relives his past (r) (830)

6.30 A Different World Dwayne and Whitley's mothers arrive for Thanksgiving dinner (s) (410)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (149762)

7.50 Party Political Comment by an SNP politician (303762)

8.00 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (9138)

8.30 A Taste of Africa. Dorinda Hafner learns how to make traditional Moroccan mint tea. (Teletext) (s) (9385)

9.00 Dispatches Jayne Zito, whose husband was killed by a freed mental patient, investigates the connection between the policy of care in the community and potentially dangerous patients on the streets (790472)



Visual testament to the last will (9.45pm)

9.45 CHOICE **Working Parts: *After You've Gone.*** (Teletext) (s) (845859)

10.00 The Golden Girls (r). (Teletext) (635472)

10.35 S and M. Tony Slattery and Mike McShane with another dose of improvised humour (s) (373859)

11.05 Walk on the Wild Side. Law and disorder on the streets of a new town where a group of young men play a constant game of nerves with the police (s) (709269)

11.40 Talk on the Wild Side. Janice Forsyth chairs a studio discussion tackling issues raised over the last six weeks (s) (123507)

12.40am Moviewatch (r) (s) (2696705)

1.15 L A Law. Courtroom drama (1883873). Ends at **2.10**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud **2.00** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Loose Talk **9.30** *D Energy* **10.00** *Mark Radcliffe* **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Martin Kelner **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2. Barbara Dickson performs five **8.00** Eurofolk in Concert: The Breton/French band Dedale **8.30** Martin Carthy **9.00** Isle St Clair and a Family Tradition *9.30 Nigel Ogden* **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Look and Read: **9.15** Dance Workshop; **9.35** Verse Universe; **9.45** Time and Tune; **10.05** Drama Workshop **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** *Education Matters* **1.10** *The Crunch* **2.30** What If . William Webb-Ellis Had Been Penalised for Handball? **3.00** Test Match Special: West Indies v England, from Sabina Park, Jamaica **7.30** Test Match Special Plus Coverage of the closing stages of today's match, *and from* **8.00** *the* Coca-Cola Cup semi-final, second leg **10.10** Hit the North **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** *Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen* **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Development '94 **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The Dance Selection **8.30** Screenplay **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Country Style **9.30** What's News **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Omnibus **10.30** Jazz for the Asking **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** *BBC English* **11.45** *Mittagsmagazin* **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** New Ideas **12.35** And Then He Kissed Me **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *Frankenstein* **2.45** Good Books **3.00** News **3.15** Animals of Power **3.30** Laughing Aloud **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** World Business **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** *Heute Aktuell* **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** Sports International **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** From Our Own Correspondent **11.30** Multitrack 2 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Laughing Aloud **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** *Waveguide* **1.40** Book Choice **1.45** The Farming World **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Sports International **3.00** World News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Assignment **4.00** World News **4.15** The Farming World

CLASSIC FM

.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **2.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** unchtime Concerto: Sibelius (Violin Concerto in D minor) **3.00** Petroc relawny **6.00** Sarah Ward **7.00** Book rowse **8.00** *Evening Concert.* Celebrating Handel's birthday: Music for the oyal Fireworks; Sinfonia, Samson; rgan Concerto in A; Trumpet Suite in D; de for St Cecilia's Day **10.00** Michael lappin **1.00-6.00am** Jamie Crick

VIRGIN 1215

.00am Russ and Jono's Breakfast **.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham ene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Mitch ohnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-00am** Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49603491) **2.20-2.50** Gardening Time (43377694) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (8606694) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (5128897) **6.00** Home and Away (958656) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (397052) **10.30** Anglia News and Weather (403728) **10.40** Gunsmoke. Return to Dodge (27980120) **12.35am** Johnnie Mae Gibson, FBI (421892) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3197250) **2.50** The Album Show (1193618) **3.45** Nite Bites (28892434) **3.55** Jobfinder (8830750) **4.30-5.30** Sport AM (40434)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (3815743) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (8409743) **1.55** Shortland Street (49603491) **2.20** Gardening Time (43377694) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (3835120) **3.25-3.30** Central News (8606694) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (5128897) **6.00** Home and Away (958656) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (397052) **10.30** Central News and Weather (403728) **10.40** Bodies of Evidence (995491) **11.35** The Twilight Zone (730946) **12.20am** Hollywood Report (6119453) **12.50** The Album Show (7327724) **1.50** Cue the Music (7285434) **2.50** The Twilight Zone (5793368) **3.00** BPM (1810237) **3.55** Get Stuffed (21981811) **4.10** Jobfinder (6718705) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3596960)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.55-10.00 *HTV West* News (3815743) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (8409743) **1.55** A Country Practice (49603491) **2.20-2.50** *Gardening Time (43377694)* **3.25-3.30** *HTV* West News (8606694) **6.00** HTV News (588) **6.30-7.00** Movies, Games and Videos (168) **10.30** HTV West News and Weather (403728) *10.40 Family Reunion (27980120)* **12.35am** Johnnie Mae Gibson, FBI (421892) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3197250) **2.50** The Album Show (1193618) **3.45** Nite Bites (28892434) *3.55 Jobfinder* (8830750) **4.30-5.30** Sport AM (40434)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00-6.30 Wales at Six (588) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (403728)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (3815743) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (8409743) **1.55** A Country Practice (49603491) **2.20** Getaways (43377694) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (3835120) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (8606694) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Making It Happen (615439) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (588) **6.30-7.00** A Tale of Four Market Towns (168) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather *(403728)* ***12.30am-1.30*** *The Equalizer* (42057) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (93778)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.55** A Country Practice* (49603491) **2.20-2.50** Yan Can Cook (43377694) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (304217) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (168) **10.30** Tyne Tees *News and Weather (403728)* ***10.40 *Trapped* in Silence (27906168) **12.30am** Kojak (7323908) **1.25** Hollywood Report (4470796) **1.55** Videofashion (1548989) **2.25** The *Album Show (1155989) 3.25 Noisy Mothers* (2365322) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (6714989)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.20pm-12.30 Westcountry Latest (8409743) **1.55** Take the High Road (79845930) **2.25-2.55** Westcountry Focus: The West at Work (43376965) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry Latest (8606694) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (63101) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (403728) **10.40** Mayday at 40,000 Feet! (27906168) **12.30am** My Story (5842892) **12.35** Johnnie Mae Gibson, FBI (421892) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3197250) **2.50** The Album Show (1193618) **3.45** Nite Bites (28892434) **3.55** Jobfinder (8830750) **4.30-5.30** Sport AM (40434)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49603491) **2.20-2.50** Yan Can Cook (43377694) **3.25-3.30** Calendar News / *Bilsdale: Network North (8606694)* ***5.55*** Calendar / Network North (304217) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (168) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (403728) **10.40** Trapped in *Silence (27906168)* **12.30am** *Kojak* (7323908) **1.25** Hollywood Report (4470796) **1.55** Videofashion (1548989) **2.25** The Album Show (1155989) **3.25** Noisy Mothers *(2365322) 4.20-5.30 Jobfinder (6714989)*

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (82385) **9.00** Sabotage (56323) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (324236) **12.00pm** House To House (43859) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (3534410) **12.55** Sesame Street (7320912) **1.55** Fiddlers Three (62686507) **3.30** *Wild Britain: Resort For* Reptiles (946) **4.00** Slot 23 (8002209) **4.01** Slic A Slac (7995168) **4.15** Now A Ned (5968976) **4.25** Mae Gen I Achos (7974675) **4.40** Sleddfwd (9880588) **5.00** Gamesmaster (4694) **5.30** Countdown (217) **6.00** News (926174) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (947675) **6.25** Heno (395694) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4830) **7.30** Jacpot (694) **8.00** Glowyr: Cylrinachau' r Pwll (9138) **8.30** Newyddion/news (9385) **9.00** Pris Y Farchnad (9236) **10.00** Brookside (44588) **10.30** Life is Sweet (46697052) **12.25am** Dispatches (8933182)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Literature in the Modern World
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: *Handel (Concerto Grosso in A minor, Op 6 No 4); Enescu (Romanian Rhapsody No 1 in A, Op 11); John Adams (The Chairman Dances, Foxtrot for orchestra);* Mendelssohn (Songs without Words, Book 8 Nos 45 and 46); Harris (Faire is the Heaven); Tchaikovsky (Francesca da Rimini)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Lalande, Marais and Their Circle. Lalande (Caprice No 3, Symphonies pour les soupers du Roy); *Marais (Alcyone, Act 4 — excerpts)*; Lalande (Confitebor tibi, Domine)
10.00 Midweek Choice: Adam (Overture, *Si j'étais roi*); *Mozart* (Piano Sonata in C, K330); Hindemith (Overture to The Flying Dutchman); Haydn (Symphony No 22 in E flat, Philosopher); Schumann (Liederkreis); Bruch (Violin Concerto No 3 in D minor); Rachmaninov (Spring Waters)
12.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish SO (r)
1.00pm News 1.05 Concert Hall: The Lyric Quartet performs Glazunov (Five Novelettes, Op 15); Shostakovich (String Quartet *No 8*)
2.00 Record Review (r)
3.30 Baroque Brass: Biber (Sonata a 3); Telemann (Concerto in F for two horns)
4.00 Choral Evensong, live from Gloucester Cathedral
5.00 The Music Machine
5.15 In Tune: Charles Hazlewood talks to the pianist Fou Ts'ong. Fitkin (Sciosophy); Part *(Fratres)*; *Mozart (Piano* Concerto No 21 in C, K467); Ibert (Allegro Vivo)
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra. Mark-Anthony Turnage (Your Rockaby: Martin Robertson, saxophone). **7.55** Autumn Journey 1518: *Desiderius Erasmus encounters plague,* terrible weather and bad fish on the journey from Basle to Louvain. **8.15** Vaughan Williams (A Sea Symphony: Amanda Roocroft, soprano, Thomas Hampson, baritone; BBC Symphony Chorus; *Trinity* College of Music Chamber Choir)
9.30 Artists and the Landscape: *The photographer Ingrid* Pollard discusses her view of an English romantic landscape
9.50 Nikolaeva Plays Bach's "48": Bach (Well-Tempered Klavier, Book 1: Preludes and Fugues Nos 19-24: Tatiana Nikolaeva, piano)
10.30 In Memoriam Edward Elgar: Elgar (There is Sweet Music; Go, Song of Mine)
***10.45* Night Waves:** *Is British* theatre trapped by its tradition of character acting?
11.30 Ensemble: A recital by the American pianist Kevin Kenner. Chopin (Andante spianato and Grand Polonaise); Schumann (Davidsbündlertänze); Liszt (Concert Paraphrase on Rigoletto)
12.30-12.35am News 1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** *Prayer* for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30**, **7.00**, **7.30**, **8.00**, **8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55**, **7.55** Weather **7.25**, **8.25** *Sports* News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with the composer Michael Nyman
10.00-10.30 Tales from the Back of Beyond (**FM** only): Teacher Tim Gunn and his pupils plant a dry forest in Madagascar
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW *only*)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Acts of the Apostles (3/10)
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced *by Jenni Murray. Serial: Limestone and Clay* (8/10). Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time, chaired by Eric Robson (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Death Comes Staccato: Second of a five-part dramatisation of Gillian Slovo's detective mystery. Kate and Carmen are still trying to trace *the man* who is following Alicia **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Sherlock Holmes: His Last Bow. *In 1914, the* services of a certain beekeeper are called upon to help his country in her darkest hour. With Michael Williams and Clive Merrison
2.45 Footnotes: Martin Wainwright celebrates the achievement of the scientist Rosalind Franklin, who came close to unravelling the structure of DNA
3.00 *News; Anderson Country*: 071-765 5540
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope *reviews Philadelphia*, the first Hollywood film to *tackle Aids*; and talks to the portrait photographer Annie Leibowitz
4.45 Short Story: The Silver Apples of the Moon, by Elizabeth Jolley. Read by Tina Gray
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Counterpoint (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
***7.20* Face the Facts**
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 Inner Journeys — Outward Shows: On the Wall of the Mind. Jim Perrin presents a portrait of J. Menlove Edwards, a rock-climbing legend (r)
8.45 The Reith Lectures: Managing Monsters: Six Myths of Our Time. See Choice
***9.15* Kaleidoscope** *(r)*
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Martin Webber **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Oscar and Lucinda, by Peter Carey Abridged and read by John Turnbull (10/12)
11.00 Hindsight: See Choice (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** *As World Service (LW only)*

CHOICE

Hindsight. *Radio 4, 11.00pm.*
Although not always trivia-free (what radio series is?), *Hindsight* is unique as a ragbag of entertaining and instructive facts. Tonight's menu is typically eclectic — why Victorian newspaper circulation depended on old clothes; why commercial television was bad for the tea trade; how the Anglo-Saxon word for lavatory is given a contemporary twist every time Johnny's mum *asks him*: *"Have you been yet?"*; where the F-word was imported from; and which Shakespeare play, recently filmed, has a sexual pun in its title.

The Reith Lectures: Managing Monsters. *Radio 4, 8.45pm.*
Marina Warner's fifth lecture is not recommended listening over a roast beef dinner. Her theme is cannibalism, from *the titan Cronus* who ate his offspring, and Zeus's son Tantalus who served up his children to the gods, to Sweeney Todd whose customers ended up as pie-filling. With classic understatement, Warner says that cannibalism, like incest, "oversteps the bounds of kinship". As for the stewpot missionary, apparently no evidence exists of cannibalism being practised routinely to provide sustenance. **Peter Davalle**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am *DJ Kat (73666878)* **8.40** *Lamb Chops* (5771743) **9.10** Cartoons (4102965) **9.30** Card Sharks (5958269) **9.55** Concentration (8603930) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (6607304) *10.30 Love at First Sight* (87217) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (25014) **12.00** Urban Peasant (27287) **12.30pm** E Street (31994) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (30897) **2.00** Top of the Hill (50007) **3.00** Another World (8647089) **3.50** DJ Kat (9717323) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4859) **6.00** Games World (7052) **6.30** E Street (8304) **7.00** M*A*S*H (5588) **7.30** Full House (4588) **8.00** X-Files (68694) **9.00** Code 3 (23033) **9.30** Seinfeld (22878) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (58217) **11.00** The Untouchables (46507) **12.00** Streets of San Francisco (39960) **1.00am** Night Court (44453) **1.30-2.00** Living Color (64705)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (32965) **9.30** Nightline (46236) *10.30 Fashion (96743) 11.30 Japan* Business (52101) **12.30pm** News/Business (89089) **1.30** CBS News (39548) **2.30** Parliament Live (87385) **4.30** News/Business *(4101) 7.30 Fashion (5830) 8.30 Talkback* (13120) **11.30** CBS News (58697) **12.30am** ABC News (13569) **1.30** Fashion TV (61453) **2.30** Those Were the Days (99873) **3.30** Talkback *(48778)* **4.30** Beyond 2000 (99724) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (29434)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (8167410)
10.00 Ambush Bay (1966) Marines try to escape from the Japanese (31930)
12.00 *Ghost Chase (1988): Jason Lively* has adventures with a ghostly butler (31920)
2.00pm Kona Coast (1968) A fishing boat skipper fights for justice (72897)
4.00 The Wackiest Ship in the Army (1960): Jack Lemmon heads the inept crew of a decrepit gunship in the Pacific (2491)
6.00 Fall from Grace (1990) Biopic of *television preacher Jim Bakker* (52033)
8.00 Year of the Gun (1991) Sharon Stone plays a reporter in Rome (64878)
10.00 Far and Away (1992). An Irish farming couple move to America (58561897)
12.20am The Erotic Adventures of the Three Musketeers (1992) Erotic version of Alexandre Dumas's classic (348960)
2.00 Torchlight (1984) A woman tries to keep her boyfriend off drugs (44786)
3.30 Doing Time on Maple Drive (1991). A man brings his new fiancée home to meet the folks (491778). Ends at **5.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Young Frankenstein (1974) Mel Brooks's glorious spoof (56897)
8.00 Fahrenheit 451 (1966) *François Truffaut's chilling futuristic drama* (28014)
10.00 Firestarter (1984). *A girl discovers she can start fires* (672061) *Ends at* **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Purple People Eater (1988) A boy conjures up an alien (56762)
8.00 The Bad News Bears in Breaking Training (1977): Children's drama (22439)
10.00 Pink Lightning (1991) Five women have one last fling (31912)
12.00 City Beneath the Sea (1970). Robert Wagner lives in an undersea colony (53142)
2.00pm Breaking Home Ties (1987): A boy discovers his mother has cancer (70439)
4.00 The Bad News Bears in Breaking Training (as 8am) (6043)
6.00 Solomon's Choice (1992) A family search for a bone marrow donor (50675)
8.00 Jersey Girl (1993): Jami Gertz runs into her dream man (55120)
10.00 Dirty Work (1992) A cop risks a friendship when he turns to crime (74439)
11.30 Jumpin' at the Boneyard (1991). A man tries to save his addict brother (375746)
1.20am Hometown Boy Makes Good (1989): Walter Anthony Edwards impresses his mother by lying about his job (5061434)
2.50 I Posed for Playboy (1991): The revealing stories of three women (635960)
4.30 Solomon's Choice (as 6pm) (85521). Ends at **5.50**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Prime Bodies (71217) **7.30** Soccer News (9321876) **7.45** WWF (9464965) **8.30** Trucks and Tractors (83588) **9.00** Prime Bodies (64728) **9.30** Field Hockey (80694) **10.30** Basketball (17101) **12.30pm** The Football Show (43675) **1.30** The Boss *(10120)* **2.00** *Sportsworld (6304)* **2.30** Soccer (2651) **3.00** Test Match Cricket West Indies v England (409491) **5.30** Soccer (173897) **5.45** Test Match (58643439) **10.30** *Soccer (281410)* **10.45** *Boxing: Andy Till v* Robert McCraken (616781) **12.15am** Soccer (486927) **12.45-2.45** Basketball (425521)

EUROSPORT

6.00am Olympic News (90491) **6.30** Olympic Morning (45304) **7.00** Ski Jumping (16588) **8.00** Speedskating (17217) **9.00** Biathlon (95120) **10.30** Ski Jumping (28656) **12.00** Skiing (6837859) **1.15** Biathlon (8429156) **2.00** Ice Hockey (147205) **5.00** *Olympic News (6321507)* **5.15** Ice Hockey (8436052) **6.00** Skating (7510255) **10.30** Olympic News (99149) **11.00** News (62946) **11.30** Ice Hockey (88656) **1.30am** Olympic *News (30291)* **2.00** News (41927) **2.30** Ice Hockey (8028863) **3.15** Skating (438279) **6.00** Olympics (86892) **5.30** News (74908)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (4145255) **7.30** Neighbours (4124762) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4521149) **8.30** EastEnders (4513120) **9.00** The Bill (4504472) **9.30** Juliet Bravo (4152675) **10.30** Brothers (1932507) **11.30** Sullivans (4749491) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4524236) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1737120) **1.00** EastEnders (4144526) **1.30** Bill (1736491) **2.00** Ain't Half Hot, Mum (2631507) **2.30** Get Some In! (5086385) **3.00** Dallas (2444491) **3.55** The Colbys (4375052) **4.50** Every Second (3746762) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (95304304) **5.55** Sykes (4157526) **6.30** EastEnders (5001694) **7.00** Ain't Half Hot, Mum (2635323) **7.30** Get Some In! (5007878) **8.00** Juliet Bravo (2060781) **9.00** Nancy Astor (2057217) **10.00** Bill (4525965) **10.30** Churchill Said to Me (4501385) **11.00** Top of the Pops (5281120) **11.45** Dr Who (7911255) **12.15am** FILM Look Who's Laughing (1941). An aircraft factory disrupts small-town life (32911927) **1.35** Video Bites (1337415) **2.15-7.00** Shopping (56327149)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Ratkan II (47323) **6.30** Bobobobs (50823) **7.00** Paddy (4819323) **7.15** Gravedale High (897014) **7.45** Pugwall (896385) **8.15** Head to Head (9457781) **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin (25688) **9.00** Droibee Time (23743) **10.00** Topsy and Tim (89323) **11.00** RatKan II (29255) **11.30** Bobobobs (97656) **12.00** Paddy (5036656) **12.15pm** Madeline (419385) **12.45** Pugwall (418656) **1.15** Head to Head (23559120) **1.30** *Teddy Ruxpin* (78168) **2.00** Madeline (5930) **2.30** New Shoe People (5918946) **2.45** Babar (421120) **3.15** RatKan II (3341743) **3.20** Newts (2743675) **3.35** *Special Feature (4954526)* **3.40** Spirit and Hercules (6029149) **3.55** Head to Head (5218149) **4.00** McGee and Me (6743) **4.30-5.00** T-Rex (5255)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Speed Racer (79659) **7.30** Turtles (81694) **8.00** Rugrats (82659) **8.30** Killer Tomatoes (74830) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (98410) **9.30** Kablooey (15675) **10.00** Eureeka (32830) **10.30** David the Gnome (94694) **11.00** Banana Sandwich (83439) **11.30** Eureeka (84168) **12.00** Fraggle Rock (85946) **12.30pm** Gnomes (19491) **1.00** The Banana Sandwich (61830) **1.30** Janosch (18762) **2.00** Wild Side (4946) **2.30** Out of Control (8323) **3.00** Get the Picture (6781) **3.30** Killer Tomatoes (7728) **4.00** Speed Racer (9675) **4.30** Turtles (5859) **5.00** Clarissa (8526) **5.30** Guts (9439) **6.00** Rugrats (9052) **6.30-7.00** Monkees (7584)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Challenge of the Seas (5008507) **4.30** Crawl into My Parlour (5097491) **5.00** Munro (2613101) **5.30** Pirates (4136033) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4998946) **7.00** Predators (2059675) **8.00** X-Planes (2619385) **8.30** Skybound (3621120) **9.00** Science (2055853) **10.00** Real West (2058946) **11.00** Travellers' Guide (4738385) **11.30-12.00** Top of the World (3746675)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Loving You (1957). Country boy Elvis Presley becomes an overnight star (3757781) **2.00pm** FILM: The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle (1939, b/w): Biopic with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers (2212965) **3.45** Art Linkletter (87152548) **4.00** Flying Nun (5095033) **4.30** My Three Sons (5091217) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies *(2640255)* **5.30** *Donny and Marie (5015897)* **6.00** Honey West (5005410) **6.30** Scotland Yard (5096762) **7.00** Bonanza (2046101) **8.00** The Avengers (2062149) **9.00** FILM: *Blood Beast Terror (1968) Vampire moths* horror yarn (4754323) **10.30** Art Linkletter (4529781) **11.00** Get Smart (4765439) **11.30-12.00** Twilight Zone (3733101)

UK LIVING

7.00am Living (9351912) **8.00** The Treat*ment (1655526)* **8.30** Rendezvous (1654897) **9.00** Days of Our Lives (6890120) **10.00** Dr Ruth (4797526) **10.30** Young and the Restless (1322930) **11.30** Ken Hom (3923052) **12.00** Stars and Signs (77664965) **12.15pm** Living (58583236) **12.30** Divorce Court (9604946) **1.00** On the House (5138965) **1.30** Rendezvous (9603217) **2.00** *Agony (4798255)* **3.00** Living (7871694) **3.45** Gladrags (69460830) **4.00** Definition (1412743) **4.30** Infatuation (1441255) **5.00** Rodeo Drive (2854061) **5.30** Fame and *Fortune (5173878)* **5.45** Kilroy (9620502) **6.30** John Tovey (1413472) **7.00** Definition (8454205) **7.30** Amore (1419656) **8.00** Young and the Restless (2959675) **9.00** *Cagney and Lacey (2979439)* **10.00** Charlie's Angels (2972526) **11.00** Amore (3914304) **11.30** Infatuation (4786410) **12.00-1.00am** Agony (9256368)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Big Brother Jake (4410) **5.30** Zorro (6507) **6.00** Wonder Years (6120) **6.30** Catchphrase (7472) **7.00** All Clued Up (1946) **7.30** Pyramid (3656) **8.00** All Together Now (5174) **8.30** GP (9101) **9.00** Lou Grant (40236) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (20033) **10.30** Rhoda (39781) **11.00** Remington (80052) **12.00-1.00am** Big Valley (22618)

MTV

6.00am Wild Side (18168) **8.00** VJ Ingo (285168) **11.00** Soul (78217) **12.00** Hits (50762) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (840435) **3.30** Report (6025323) **3.45** Movies (6030878) **4.00** News (6439781) **4.15** 3 from 1 (6428304) **4.30** Dial MTV (4385) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (42255) **7.00** Hits (46410) **8.00** Most Wanted (12149) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (51491) **10.00** Report (894061) **10.15** Movies (844566) **10.30** News (809830) **10.45** 3 from 1 (804385) **11.00** Nation (70304) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (48366) **2.00-6.00** Night Videos (2137188)

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (21897) **7.00** Regional News (68830) **7.30** Asian Morning (87965) **8.00** Hindi News (13743) **8.30** Urdu News (4127615) **8.45** English News (3672520) **9.00** Feera (50897) **10.00** Pakistani FILM (905410) **1.00pm** Darya (67101) **1.30** Hindi FILM: Kala Kaar (815323) **4.30** Kiddie Time (2781) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (7743) **7.00** Mere Saath Chal (8762) **7.30** Worldline (6588) **8.00** English News (470168) **8.15** Hindi FILM: Sheela (87508052) **11.15** Sitara Apr Mehrunisa (689588) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (6872163) **1.35-6.00** Sight and Sound (35607144)

TNT

Theme. Five Guys Named Joe
7.00pm Stay Away, Joe (1968): Elvis Presley plays a half-breed rodeo rider who returns home (68531149)
8.55 Joe the Busybody (1959) Stars Claude Gensac and Guy Tréjan (94649507)
10.50 Joe Smith, American (1942, b/w) Nazis kidnap an aircraft factory worker. With Robert Young and Marsha Hunt (73048781)
12.05am Polo Joe (1936 b/w). A man pretends to be a top polo player to impress a girl. With Joe E. Brown (81136163)
1.20 Joe and Ethel Turp Call on the President (1939, b/w). Comedy about a suspended postman. Starring Ann Sothern and William Gargan (92724076)
2.40 Stay Away Joe (as 7pm) (78326415)
Ends at **4.25**

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Frustration for Britain

Gooch denied silver medal by Games jury

FROM DAVID MILLER IN HAMAR

BRITAIN suffered a second night of disappointment at the Winter Olympics. After the relative failure of Torvill and Dean, Nicky Gooch, the speed skater who exceeded all expectation by reaching the final of the 1,000 metres short-track race, then winning the silver medal, was disqualified for pushing the Canadian, Derek Campbell.

Earlier, Wilf O'Reilly, the former world champion and Olympic gold medal-winner when the event was a demonstration sport in 1988, had gone out in the first round, giving the impression that he was without focus, that his mind was not on the event after his traumas last year of injuries to himself and, more seriously, to his girl friend.

Gooch had qualified comfortably enough for the quarter-finals in his heat, winning a close duel with Satoru Terao, of Japan. Gooch had a bad start which left him last going round the first lap but he quickly counter-attacked and held the lead before slipping in behind Terao and coasting to the finish.

There were several crashes in this most hazardous of winter sports. Igor Ozerov went out at the back of Gooch's heat, then Steven Bradbury, one of the favourites from Australia, came down in heat six in a collision precipitated by Geert Blanchart, of Belgium, who was disqualified. In a tough sport, that is no help to the competitor who has been forced off the track and cannot be restored.

O'Reilly was going well, exchanging the lead with Derrick Campbell, of Canada, and Jiajun Li, of China, but on the penultimate bend both men forced themselves ahead of him and he was left trailing home third — and out.

O'Reilly, 29, from Sutton Coldfield, had touched skates with Campbell during the sprint start to the first bend, badly grazing the slavishly-polished surface of one of his blades and blunting and bending an edge. "It was like riding a bike with the brakes on because my skates were constantly juddering. There was no grip," he said.

"There was nothing I could do about it. I just had to go with it. You train for all these months and something like this happens. It's depressing but you have to carry on." He now has the 500 metres on Saturday and the relay. The 500 metres begins on Thursday and is considered to be his stronger distance. "In speed skating I have had downers before but you bounce back and that's what it's all about," he said.

The pace intensified in the quarter-finals. Ji-Hoon Chae, one of South Korea's three entries, won the first race in 1min 31.40sec, with Campbell close on his heels.

Then came Jun-Ho Lee up against Terao, Nizielski, of Australia, and Eric Flaim, of the United States, holder of the 1,500 metres world record, set in Peking last year.

In a cut-throat race, with all four hustling at each other's shoulders throughout, Jun-Ho Lee crossed the line six one hundredths ahead with a time of 1min 29.58sec, an Olympic record and just over a second outside the world record of Michael McMillen, of New Zealand, who had gone out in the first round. Nizielski and Flaim set Australian and American records yet failed to reach the semi-final.

Ki-Hoon Kim, the defending champion, comfortably took second place in the third quarter-final behind the powerful Fred Blackburn, one of three Canadian skaters from the same club in Montreal. Bjornar Elgetun, the home favourite, set a Norwegian record but went out.

Now came Gooch. He took the lead with four laps to go but with two remaining dropped in behind Marc Gagnon, of Canada, the world champion. Coming off the last bend, Gooch was fiercely challenged on the inside by Jiajun Li and as they crossed the line almost together, Li went down. He was subsequently disqualified.

Gooch took his place in the final after another crash. Gagnon, the Canadian, caught his skate on the ice in the penultimate lap, lost control and crashed, leaving the Briton with a clear run in second place behind Ki-Hoon Kim.

It was a dispiriting night for O'Reilly after all he has been through, and suggests that he brought optimism more than a realistic assessment of his condition to these Games. More to the point, maybe this is the moment when Gooch, the European champion, finally erases the shadow of the long-time hero against whom he has been competing.

Lillehammer'94

The ice dancing performance of Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean drew the biggest television audience for a sports event since 1990. Unofficial estimates say that 23 million people saw the climax of the competition on BBC1 on Monday. The highest British sports audience is 25.2 million for the 1990 World Cup semi-final between England and West Germany.

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Zoran Sokolovic, front, drives the Bosnia four-man bobsled yesterday in practice for the competition this weekend. Photograph: Eric Risberg

Bosnian team supporting national unity on the run

Chris Moore reports from Lillehammer on four men with a point to make beyond sport

For sheer improbability, the Jamaica four-man bobsleigh team, which first encountered snow when it arrived in Calgary for the Winter Games of 1988, has nothing on the quartet from Bosnia, who are competing in the Olympics here.

"We are showing to the Bosnian people and the world that we can live together," Igor Boras, the team's Croatian brakeman, said. The driver is Zoran Sokolovic, a Serb. Between them sit Izet Haracic and Nizar Zaciragic, who are Muslim.

"We didn't know until we got here how many of us would escape to get to the Olympics," Boras said. "It was a lottery who would be in the team. But four of us got here so we have enough to compete." He was smuggled out of Sarajevo with the help of a United Nations official a week before the opening ceremony.

"I came out by plane with the help of one man in the United Nations. Only he knew the real reason why I needed to leave, and he made the arrangements. But I do not want to say his name." Zaciragic was the first of the four to arrive, having used an old press card to aid his escape.

They had no equipment, because all their sleds had been destroyed in the war, but the Dutch helped out, transporting a sled from Holland for them to race in this weekend. "It's painted green, which is the Muslim colour," Boras said. "We have many laughs about that. But we now have the Serbian and Croatian colours on the starting handles and we hope to find a Bosnian flag to put on the front for the Olympic race. We are all very proud to be racing for Bosnia.

"Ten years ago, when we staged the Winter Olympics, Sarajevo was a paradise on earth for us. But it was blood red and a living hell when I left.

"For the last year I have been staying in a Catholic seminary only 100 metres from the last massacre in the marketplace. I had been there the day before. In Sarajevo we were counting days from massacre to massacre."

Boras, 26, a civil engineering student until the war started, wants to continue to compete for Bosnia after the Games. He has, however, ruled out going back to Sarajevo immediately. "None of us can go back. Now we are homeless. We don't know what will happen or where we will go at the end of the Olympics. We do not want to go back to a refugee camp. You cannot study or do sport in a refugee camp. You can only lie down and wait.

"I want to finish my studies, go to university and then return to Sarajevo and help rebuild my country," he said. "It was a terrible mistake the last time I went home. I lost ten kilos in six months, mostly because of fright and nerves. Will I go out? Will I stay in? Will I get killed?

"We would like to go to America. But with a Bosnian passport there are many problems trying to get visas. Maybe we will go to Germany. I just don't know. But we're here to show our people in Bosnia that Muslims, Croats and Serbs can live together."

They will compete against, among others, the Jamaicans and a team from the Virgin Islands, for whom taking part must also be something of a triumph. For the Bosnians, however, there is more to it than Olympic ideals. "The important thing is that we are competing together to prove that our young country is alive," Zaciragic said. "This is our contribution to the fight against facism that spreads over our beautiful country."

"When we are together doing 130kph down the bob run, we are one team," Boras said. "That is how our people at home must be. Many people there think the same. But not all are politicians."

Setback for Wilander's comeback campaign

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

FOR Mats Wilander, the No 1 world tennis ranking he wrestled from Ivan Lendl six years ago is only a fading memory. The mini-goals set during the revival of his career include having fun, living life his way and — at least every once in awhile — winning some quality matches.

But Wilander, now 29 and ranked 234th in the world, showed little of his old form and was never in the match while going down 6-2, 6-2 to the South African, Grant Stafford, in the first round of the Nuveen Arizona championship on Monday.

In 1988, Wilander became No 1 after winning the Australian, French and US Open titles. But by 1991 he had dropped to No 157 and he stopped playing altogether in June of that year. "By the time I left tennis, I hated the game and wanted to enjoy another part of life," Wilander said.

"When I was young and ambitious, all I wanted to do was win the next match. There are other things in life and I had to get away from things to enjoy family and friends more."

But Wilander missed the game that made him a household name and his comeback bid was buoyed last month when he reached the last 16 of the Australian Open. But, disappointingly for his well-wishers, he was no match for Stafford, 22, who blasted passing shots at will and needed just 72 minutes to advance.

"He didn't make a lot of mistakes and I felt like I wasn't hitting the ball in the right place on the racket," Wilander said. "I want to enjoy playing the game, but I don't think you can enjoy things too long if you're not winning some. This wasn't fun."

Stafford, who has wins over top-ten players like Pete Sampras and Tomas Muster, said afterwards: "I remember watching Mats when I was young, but he's not at the top of his game right now. But he's a pro and he's not going to lose the match for you. You've got to play well and look for the passing shots when the time comes."

Second-seeded MaliVai Washington rallied to beat Patrick Rafter of Australia 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 in a match which was delayed for 82 minutes by a power failure on the stadium court. It wasn't completed until after midnight when the temperature was decidedly chilly.

Byron Black, of Zimbabwe, put out the fourth-seeded Mark Woodforde, of Australia, 6-4, 6-3 while another upset was caused by Luiz Mattar, of Brazil, who beat Javier Sánchez, of Spain, in straight sets.

In other first-round matches there were wins for Fabrice Santoro, of France, who beat Alex O'Brien (US) by 6-3, 5-7, 6-3, and Karsten Braasch, of Germany, who gained a 7-6, 6-3 success over the Australian Sandon Stolle. Andre Agassi, who has been idle since September and underwent wrist surgery in December, has been seeded fifth for the tournament and will play his opening match today.

In Indian Wells, California, another former champion from Wilander's era enjoyed a tast of success in the Evert Cup women's competition.

Tracy Austin, twice a winner of the US Open but now ranked 86th, reached the second round by defeating Radka Zrubakova, of Slovakia, 6-2, 5-7, 6-3 to qualify for a match against Steffi Graf. "I'll have absolutely no pressure on me," Austin said. "I'll just go out and try to drive the ball and try to keep it deep."

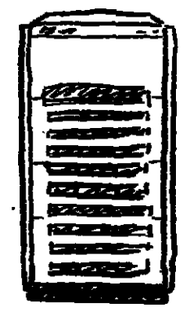
Elena Likhoviseva, a teenager from Kazakhstan, who is ranked 71st, caused an upset by beating the fifth seed from the Czech Republic, Helena Sukova, by 6-1, 7-5. Sukova, ranked No 18, made numerous unforced errors and was troubled by her opponent's forehand.

Other first round winners included Iva Majoli, of Croatia, who won a long, three-set duel with the seventh seed, Sabine Hack, of Germany, and Natalia Zvereva, of Belarus, who dropped only one game while disposing of Betsy Nagelsen.

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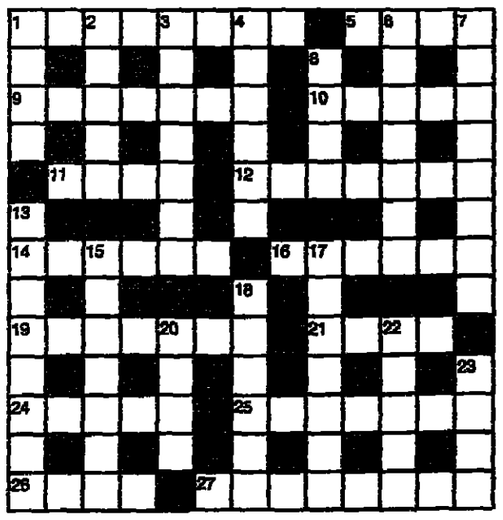
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No 96

ACROSS
1 Shakespeare's lovable fat man (6)
5 Squire's boy (4)
9 Recreational walker (7)
10 Pile up (5)
11 Comfortable multi-seater (4)
12 Gun (7)
14 Place fomenting (undesirable) growth (6)
16 A small 12 (6)
19 With speed (7)
21 Development stage of some insects (4)
24 Evenly balanced (5)
25 In name only: type of saint (7)
26 Detailed working description (4)
27 Sickle-shaped (8)

DOWN
1 Wade across stream (4)
2 Helpless state awaiting decision (5)
3 Ploughed land (7)
4 Distant (3,3)
6 Stonily determined (7)
7 Matching outfit (8)
8 Couple (4)
13 Prime Minister's residence (8)
15 People's representative; rostrum (7)
17 Driving force (7)
18 Bivalve, edible in 'R' months (6)
20 Wrinkly cabbage (4)
22 Regular rhythm (5)
23 Court-order document (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 95

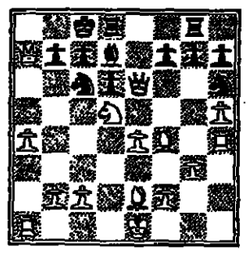
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DOWN: 1 Backlog 2 Loire 3 Nub 4 Effort 5 Sycophant 6 Eastern 7 Nappy 11 Press-gang 13 Traitor 15 Toe-hold 16 Patent 17 Hives 18 Torso 20 Cub

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Today's problem is from the game Spangenberg-Rossiter, Hastings Challenge 1994. Can White do better than retreating his queen?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

LAPIDATE
a. To menace with grimaces
b. Rabbit chronology
c. To throw stones at

MUCILAGE
a. Sticky stuff
b. The upper fuselage
c. The study of mice

COMICONOMENCLATURIST
a. A pseud economist (tautology)
b. Collector of silly names
c. A treacherous friend

CAVENDISH
a. A four-horse carriage
b. A squat top hat
c. A cake of tobacco

Answers on page 40